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CONGRESS.

THE RENOMINATION OF SENATOR CARPENTER.

DEBATE ON THE REPEAL OF THE INCREASE-OF-SALARY BILL.

Special Dispatch to The New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Republican caucus of the Senate this afternoon renominated Senator Carpenter for President *pro tem.* of the Senate. The nomination was unanimous and by acclamation. There was no opposition whatever manifested, and no name was mentioned or suggested by any one in opposition. The caucus was in session for an hour or more, and the inference was drawn from this fact by some that there was opposition and discussion in reference to Senator Carpenter's nomination. It is understood, however, that the time spent in caucus was devoted to the discussion of other and quite different matters, and that so far as any expressions were made toward Senator Carpenter, they were entirely cordial and friendly. The Senator did not himself attend the caucus. The unanimity of support given Mr. Carpenter, it is acknowledged on all sides, is due in great measure to the articles of THE TIMES vindicating him from the charges made by the *Tribune*, and exposing the motives of the persons by whom the accusations were invented.

THE DEBATE ON THE SALARY REPEAL BILL.

The repeal of the Salary law occupied all of the time in the House after the morning hour. Although the drift of the Republican sentiment is apparently in favor of the absolute repeal, the argument to-day was in justification of the present law. The strongest argument was made by Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, who, without indicating what his vote might be, showed that in view of the history of the country much might be said in behalf of the right of the increase. Mr. Wilson maintained that the Increase law was constitutional, legal, and right, and he was bold enough to say that it is never ill-timed to do what is right. He had little sympathy for those who are seeking popularity for themselves by the ruin of their colleagues. The debate was not without its victims. Mr. Wm. Lawrence, of Ohio, who sought to lead the advanced guard of the repealers, suffered severe discomfiture. He had the misfortune to forget that he had a back-pay record, and it encountered him and was thrown up at him at every painful turning in his tortuous course throughout the day. There has seldom been a scene in Congress when a member who started with such pomp and unction has come to so disastrous an end. In response to an interruption, he defined his ethical position on the question to be that the Back-pay law in itself was morally wrong; consequently, that many of his associates were criminals. His record, which was produced upon him, showed that in 1866 he himself took $3,000 back pay and all the front pay, and also made a speech declaring it to be unconstitutional to refuse it. Before the cross questioning was ended, he was compelled to recede from his moral ground, and to acknowledge that the crime of back pay did not so much consist in the knavery itself as in the amount of the plunder. Mr. Samuel Cox, in an earnest speech early in the day, denounced the insane greed for salary, and showed conclusively that the statements that he did not return his back pay to the Treasury until after the death of James Brooks are false. Mr. Negley later in the day did Mr. Cox's position serious damage. Mr. Cox justified himself in his return of the back pay for the last Congress, and showed that the mourning weeds did not quicken his conscience. But he forgot to be consistent. Mr. Negley showed that up to the time of taking his seat, last Monday week, Mr. Cox had already drawn $3,000, though he was not elected until November. Mr. Cox must have drawn his pay from the time that Mr. Brooks ceased to breathe. This covers a period of nearly five months' interregnum, and although the law was with Cox, it was observed that, relative to his election, the sum received was back pay.

A LOAN REDEMPTION BILL PASSED.

The House to-day passed a law providing for the redemption of the twenty million loan of 1858. The Committee on Ways and Means, careful to preserve the traditional dignity of the House, declined to report the Senate bill, inasmuch as such action would seem to concede the right of the Senate to originate monetary bills, and reported a substitute which passed. The discussion of this bill permitted several members to develop their ideas upon specie resumption. Mr. Randall was quite willing that the loan should be redeemed in paper money, inasmuch as it was contracted in ante-war times, and comes, as he claims, within the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, which declares that all ante-war contracts may be paid in legal tenders. The sentiment of both parties in the House, however, was manifestly against such a proposition, and the main issue was whether the terms of the law should be mandatory in directing the redemption in gold, or whether the loan should be funded into the new five per cent. loan, if its holders so desired. Mr. Kelley insisted that it was the duty of the Government to pay it in gold, and not to perpetuate gold bearing indebtedness. Mr. Dawes, however, and Mr. Garfield believed that the condition of the country would not warrant the payment in specie in cases where the holders were willing to convert their bonds into the new loan. Mr. Garfield proposed an amendment, imposing a duty of five cents per pound upon tea, and three cents per pound upon coffee, to provide for the deficiency, in case the Kelley bill should pass. The Democrats generally desired the loan should be funded, but took great pains to force the inference that Mr. Kelley, by his bill, desired to exhaust the Treasury gold, in order that he might replace it through increased imposts.

THE APPOINTMENT OF FERNANDO WOOD.

Speaker Blaine has been censured for the appointment of Fernando Wood as a member of the Ways and Means Committee by some Democratic papers. If censure is to fall anywhere for this appointment it should not be upon Speaker Blaine, but the Democratic Party in the House. It is a well-recognized rule of courtesy toward the minority for the Speaker to appoint the candidate of the minority party for the same position to any place on the committees which that candidate may himself choose, providing it can be done without disturbing the rights of other members. The distinct issue was made in the Democratic caucus between Fernando Wood and Mr. Cox on the ground that either one of them, if voted for by the Democrats for Speaker, would request to be assigned to the Ways and Means Committee. The Democratic Party in the House preferred Mr. Wood to Mr. Cox for this position. If Mr. Blaine had refused to appoint Mr. Wood on this committee it would not have been in the nature of a judgment on that gentleman for his political relations to back pay, but would have been in gross disrespect of the members of the minority in the House. In extending courtesies of this kind, which the minority has the recognized right to claim, the Speaker must be guided by the wish of the members of that party in the House, instead of would-be Democratic newspapers whose leadership that party does not admit.

MR. COX'S CUBAN RESOLUTIONS.

The action of Mr. Cox, in presenting his Cuban resolutions yesterday, has been much commented on and criticised by his colleagues in the House. Such action is regarded as ill-advised at the present time by any member. Mr. Cox, however, is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and as such has peculiar obligations in the treatment of all questions involving foreign complications. It is felt that he was very censurable in not sinking his personal and partisan feelings on this question for the present.

THE HOUSE COMMITTEES AT WORK.

The House committees have begun earnest work. Most of them assembled to-day and fixed upon their regular days of meeting, and laid out their work. The Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, Banking and Currency, Naval Affairs, Education and Labor, and the Territories have already organized, and some of them have proceeded to the consideration of bills which have already been referred to them. The indications are that the new Committee on War Claims will be one of the most active of the House. A very large number of bills has already been referred to it.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS OF SENATORS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Democratic Senators held a caucus this afternoon and passed the following resolutions:

First—That it is the sense of this caucus that the Democratic members of the Senate should vote for a candidate for the presidency of the Senate *pro tempore*, who represents the political principles of their party.

Second—That Hon. Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, be the nominee of the Democratic members of the Senate for the office of President of the Senate pro tem.

Third—That the action of this caucus be made known to the Senate by Hon. J. W. Stevenson, of Kentucky, and that he nominate Senator Thurman for the office in question.

This action was taken by the Democratic caucus without any knowledge of who would be the nominee of the Republican caucus, and without reference to any individual.

THE LOUISVILLE AND PORTLAND CANAL.

The Secretary of the Treasury to-day sent to the Senate a reply to a former resolution of that body concerning the Louisville and Portland canal. As the case now stands the Board of Directors are authorized by the Legislature of Kentucky, and stand ready to transfer the work and all its rights, titles, and franchises to the United States upon payment by the latter of about $1,250,000 for bonds, stocks, and current debts. The Secretary of the Treasury under the legislation of Congress is authorized to receive the transfer and make the payments, but that officer having certain discretion allowed him in respect to both the time and the manner of carrying out the provisions of the law, hesitates to act in view of the large sum of money necessary, and while so hesitating receives information of certain suits at law instituted by claimants (heirs of devisees) which involve the titles to the very lands through which the canal runs.

FINANCIAL.

The following are the balances in the Treasury: Balances currency, $435,029; special deposit of legal tenders for redemption of certificates of deposit, $24,545,000: coin, $84,431,625, including coin certificates, $30,798,000; outstanding legal tenders, $370,496,718; internal revenue receipts to-day, $209,480.

A BONDED WAREHOUSE FOR RICE.

Representative Potter was before the Committee of Ways and Means to-day advocating the bill he introduced yesterday, to establish a bonded warehouse for storing and cleansing rice intended for exportation. Rice is now cleansed in England for the market, and there is no reason why it should not be done in this country.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Banking and Currency each had a meeting this morning, but neither took any action, the session being devoted to a preliminary interchange of general views on the part of various members.

DUTIES PAID TO THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT.

Proceedings against the Mobile and Ohio Railroad have, by order of the Attorney General, been suspended. This order to the District Attorney of Southern Alabama is in effect as follows: "You are ordered not to bring a suit for duties paid to the Confederate Government by that Company during the war, and if brought dismiss it."

RECEPTION AT MR. WOOD'S.

Representative Wood, of New-York, gave a reception at his residence to-night, for the purpose of introducing the new members of the House of Representatives to the old members. In addition to the members of the House, of both parties, there were present Secretaries Fish and Richardson, and several Senators of both parties. Representative Alexander H. Stephens, of Georgia, was among the guests, and received marked attention from the entire company, including Gen. Sherman. The guests were handsomely entertained. Among those present was the Earl of Roseberry.

CANAL NAVIGATION.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—There is a prospect of the canal being kept open until all the boats bound east can be got through. Canal Commissioner Barkley, who is in charge of the Eastern Division, has ordered the canal to be put in a condition for water immediately owing to the moderate weather.

The following dispatch was sent West last even by Commissioner Barkley:

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 8.

William Porter, President Board of Forwarders, Buffalo, N. Y.:

I have just returned from a trip along my division of the Erie Canal, and have already given orders to let in the water. The aqueduct at Spraker's was badly damaged by the recent freshet, but will have all in readiness for navigation on Thursday. If the weather continues favorable, and the owners of boats do their part, I will do all in my power to get boats through.

ALEX. BARKLEY, Canal Commissioner.

THE MASSACHUSETTS LIQUOR LAW.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—An important decision has been rendered by the Supreme Court in a liquor suit in this city. One George Dowling was tried and convicted of maintaining a liquor nuisance. The defense was that Dowling was only a bar-tender, and not liable. The Supreme Court decides that the fact of his having sold liquors in the absence of the proprietor makes him liable to the penalty of aiding and abetting in the maintenance of the nuisance.

THE DELAWARE BURGLARS AND THE WHIPPING-POST.

NEWCASTLE, Del., Dec. 9.—There is great excitement here over the coming whipping of the bank burglars. There is a report afloat that an attempt will be made to-morrow to liberate the four men.

THE CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE AND THE SENATORSHIP.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—Thirty-five Democratic members of the Legislature met in caucus at Sacramento last night, and resolved to make nominations for United States Senators. None, however, were made. The purpose appears to be to block the proceedings in the joint convention by voting steadily for Democrats.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

EXETER, N. H., Dec. 9.—Gremlear C. Ladd, a [illegible] of New-Market, was instantly killed this afternoon while at work for Mr. W. R. Pulsifer's firm. Slipping under a heavy pulley, he caught it in the middle, which cut off [illegible] and threw the other end up under his chin with such force as to throw him into the air. He was dead when he fell.

THE BRITTON ASSAULT IN BOSTON.

ACTION OF THE GRAND JURY—BRITTON HELD FOR PERJURY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—The two physicians to whom Mr. Simeon A. Britton, the State street broker, divulged the circumstances of the assault made upon him, and the name of his assailant, are Dr. Ordway and Dr. Arnold, both gentlemen of standing in their profession. After the ruling of Judge Aldrich, yesterday, that they were bound by law to tell what they knew about the affair, they were again taken before the Grand Jury, where they were asked if they were ready to testify. Dr. Ordway asked for further time, which was granted. After some discussion, Dr. Arnold assented, and told what he had learned from Britton himself in relation to the affair. It was his statement which led to the arrest of Mr. Britton for perjury, and at the same time a warrant was issued for the arrest of Britton's assailant, whose name is not yet, however, made public. To-day, previous to adjournment, the Grand Jury reported an indictment, charging Mr. Britton with perjury. He was arraigned and pleaded not guilty, and was held in $6,000 sureties. The Assistant District Attorney, Mr. Cheney, stated to the court that there were three other persons who had valuable information on the original complaint, one of whom was away and would return in about ten days. As the present jury could investigate the case with their present knowledge more thoroughly than a new jury, he requested the court to excuse them until one week from next Monday. This was granted. Mr. Britton furnished the required securities.

BOGUS DETECTIVES.

HUDSON RIVER VILLAGERS ALARMED BY DISPATCHES FROM NEW-YORK.

From Our Own Correspondent.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1873.

Information has been received here for the past month which seems to indicate that a bogus detective firm in New-York City is endeavoring to create terror and alarm in the Hudson River villages. On the 14th of November last, Thomas Maxwell, President of the village of Sangerties, received a letter signed "Thomas P. Jones & Co., Private Detectives, New-York City, No. 53 Exchange place," stating that a conversation between three men had been overheard, to the effect that the village of Sangerties was to be fired in different places on the 16th and 17th of that month, and robbed, and also inquiring if there was a certain person (giving the name correctly) residing there, and intimating that he would be robbed or his buildings fired. A dispatch was sent to Chief of Police Mateell inquiring if there was such a firm as Jones & Co., and an answer was received, "I believe not." Letters were also sent to different parties in New-York to inquire into the matter by calling on "Jones & Co." This was carried into effect; "Jones & Co." were called upon at No. 53 Exchange place, where they have an office, but they were out. Information was given by a boy in the office, however, that they would be in the following afternoon or the following day. In the meantime Sangerties was greatly frightened, and after dark every man went armed, and some citizens took axes to bed with them. Double watch was placed upon all property, and no one went out after dark unless compelled to. Up to this time nothing more has been heard from Jones & Co. so far as Sangerties is concerned, but "Jones & Co." have evidently commenced operations in Dutchess County, and already a lamentable result has followed, the occurrence taking place in the quiet little village of Amenia, on the line of the Harlem Railroad. Last Friday night the President of that village received in almost the same manner as did the President of the village of Sangerties, the following information:

NEW-YORK, Dec. 5.

To the President of the Village of Amenia:

Thieves leaving for Amenia to-night. Have written particulars too late. Shall we follow them up? Answer by telegraph.

The Amenia *Times* says the telegram was signed by a prominent New-York detective firm, but adds: "We do not think it advisable to give the name of the firm, as we may have occasion to get notice from the same source again." The *Times* also says: "The detectives were, perhaps, honest, in sending the above notice, or they might have been out of a job and wanted something to do. The thieves, if there were any, did not leave the New-York trains that day or night at Armenia, for," as the *Times* says, "one-third of the population were at the depot to receive them." Although the name of the detective firm is not given, it is believed here in Poughkeepsie that it is the same firm, if there is any such, which scared Sangerties. The dispatch to Amenia, however, completely alarmed the village, and citizens turned out en masse as private watchmen, all fully armed. The most nervous feeling was evinced on all sides, and every stranger was tracked and watched with the greatest diligence. At 3 o'clock this morning James Stewart, a dentist doing business in Amenia, was, with a young man named M. A. Emmerick, patroling the village. They were on duty near Pratt's Hotel, when Mr. M. R. Bird, a son of Milo Bird, fired his pistol in the air, giving the alarm that some suspicious characters were about. Mr. Stewart and Mr. Emmerick hurried to the spot. Nearly the whole village was roused by the sad occurrence, and general gloom pervaded all classes. Mr. Emmerick, who was young Stewart's most intimate friend, is nearly crazy over the affair. If the telegram sent to the President of Amenia Village was signed by "Jones & Co." hardly a doubt exists but that the character and standing of that firm should be at once fully investigated. It is confidently believed that such a firm has no real existence, and that the whole thing is an attempt to swindle the authorities of villages and towns along the Hudson River and elsewhere.

THE WEATHER.

SYNOPSIS AND PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—1 A. M.—Decidedly cold and clear weather, with increased pressure, has prevailed in the North-west and the upper lake region; in the Ohio Valley and southward to Tennessee and thence westward to the Indian Territory, cloudy and threatening weather prevails, with light, northerly winds and lower temperature; partly cloudy weather, with light, variable winds and calms, is reported from the lower Mississippi Valley, and thence eastward to the Atlantic Coast; clear weather with light to fresh northerly winds now prevails in the Middle and East Atlantic States; cloudy weather with westerly winds and lower temperature in the lower lake region.

PROBABILITIES.

For New-England, increasing pressure, lower temperature, light to fresh northerly to westerly winds, and generally clear weather during the day.

For the Middle Atlantic States, lower temperature, with increasing pressure and generally clear weather, except in Northern New-York.

For the Lower Lake region and thence Southward to Virginia and Tennessee, lower temperature, cloudy weather and possibly light rain, except in the immediate lower lake region, where light rain or snow may prevail.

For the upper lake region, and thence south-westward to the Missouri Valley, partly cloudy or clear weather and decidedly low temperature.

For the Gulf States, north-easterly to south-easterly winds, lower temperature, and partly cloudy weather.

For the South Atlantic States, light variable winds and possibly light rain on the coast, followed by clearing weather and lower temperature.

After the 10th inst. the display of cautionary signals will be suspended at the lake ports for the Winter.

IN THE CITY.

The following record shows the changes in the temperature during the last twenty-four hours, as recorded at Hudnut's drug store, No. 218 Broadway: 3 A. M., 40°; 6 A. M., 41°; 9 A. M., 43°; 12 M., 44°; 3 P. M., 47°; 6 P. M., 46°; 9 P. M., 45°; 12 P. M., 42°. Average, 43°.

THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

THE POPULAR FEELING IN HAVANA.

WILD RUMORS CONCERNING THE PROTOCOL—POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS AND CRIES FOR WAR—THE PRESS ON THE VIRGINIUS AFFAIR.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Wednesday, Dec. 3, 1873.

The few days which have elapsed since the writing of my last letter have probably been fuller of excitement than since the insurrection broke out. Since then the Virginius question has, in the eyes of Europe at least, been settled, but to us in Havana, or to those who know the "Spaniards without conditions," the situation has become graver than ever. On Saturday morning last, even before the departure of the New-York steamers, the wildest of rumors had been put in circulation; faces looked grave, business men looked anxious, and the universal talk was war. War, and the Virginius question settled! Settled, too, in conformity with the demands made by the United States! Yet so it was, and what may have at first appeared strange to those uninitiated, was only a foregone conclusion with us, who know the Spaniards in Cuba. That there exist two insurrections in Cuba has long been known by those who have given any study at all to Cuban politics. One exists in armed force in the central and eastern departments of the island, while the other has its head-quarters in the Spanish Casino.

THE EXCITEMENT AT ITS HEIGHT.

On Saturday afternoon the evening editions of the daily papers were eagerly looked for by all, and when at last they appeared, and it was seen that their articles seemed to confirm the rumors which had been so persistently flying about all the afternoon, the public excitement was at its height. There was no doubt about it. The Virginius, over which so much noise had been made, its captors feasted and the authorities congratulated, was to be delivered up to the United States. In the afternoon, before the publication of the evening editions, a document had been printed and distributed for signature, calling upon the authorities to ignore the course taken by the Madrid Government, to resist the concessions made, and give to the United States the severe lesson they deserved. Copies were distributed to whoever would accept them, and every one was authorized to collect signatures to the document, for which a fly-leaf had been left.

TONE OF THE PRESS.

The *Diario* gave vent to its feelings in its usual vague style, evidently shadowing forth something, but seemingly making only an earnest appeal to the Spaniards of all parties to set aside their differences and make common cause against a common danger. This was the *Diario's* counsel, but it must be borne in mind that the Republicans who are determined at all risks to uphold the government of Castelar and the republican institutions have not once thought of resisting any orders which might come from Madrid, so that on them at least the *Diario's* counsel has been lost. The republican feeling in Havana to-day is this: We have full and complete confidence in Castelar. If he orders the return of the Virginius, we will return her. If the contrary, and, through his decision, we are drawn into a war with the United States, we will shed the last drop of blood in our veins for him and the cause he represents. The *Diario* also directs its voice to those in Spain: "Spaniards of the Peninsula," it says, "with you, we are sure to triumph; without you, we are sure of dying with honor and glory! Spaniards of the Island of Cuba! the good, the honored, and those of generous sentiments may be divided in prosperity, but they are ever united in adversity or in danger. We are no more than Spaniards, we call on all Spaniards and to them all stretch out the right hand. From this day henceforth no other cry should be heard in Cuba than, 'We die for Spain! Viva España!'" The *Fos* affected to doubt the news that the ultimatum presented by the United States had been acceded to by Spain. It went further and intimated that it had never been presented to the Madrid Government by Mr. Sickles, or if it had, that it must have been a piece of officiousness which the United States Minister had taken upon himself, to obtain more from Castelar than even the Washington Government had expected, and thus strengthen his claims as candidate for the Presidency in the next election. Speaking of the danger of an American invasion, the *Fos* says that the celebrated march which Gen. Sherman made through the State of Georgia would be an utter impossibility in a Spanish country, and asks who believes that the taking of Savannah and Charleston would have been so easy had those cities been defended by men of the race who knew how to die under the ruins of Tarragona, Gerona, and Saragossa."

A CRY FOR WAR.

As for the *Constancia*, it seems to have defied for once the censor, and used language so strong that I must reproduce it here: "The Spaniards of Cuba have to fulfill their solemn oaths. We who have formed them, and reminded friends and enemies of them, must now inform those who are with us that the news which is being circulated, and which the *laborantes* know well is not without foundation. It is necessary that the people know it, and he who tries to lull us to sleep must be considered as an enemy, for we must be awake and prepared to conquer or to be revenged, as men who wish to be worthy sons of heroic Spain. Far from putting off the question with the object of prolonging for a single day a situation which cannot be sustained, we must announce to the Spaniards of Cuba that the hour of trial has arrived, the hour which we have seen coming ever since October, 1868. The hour of proving that we are on the alert has arrived, and of being faithful to our oaths, by dying, if it is necessary, in mortal strife. The loyal Spaniards of Cuba will be promptly aided by their brothers in the peninsula, and will conquer, by land and by sea, all those who intend to take advantage of our misfortunes to cast us ignominiously out of this island, and those who, pretending to regenerate humanity, begin by selling their country for thirty pieces of silver. We confide in the worthy Captain General of the Island of Cuba; we expect that he will make public all that passes, for this is the only way of undoing the intrigues of those who know everything, thanks to the traitors who give them powerful assistance. We trust, therefore, that from to-day active measures will be taken to organize a strong resistance, and an attack by land and sea on all enemies; and that, at the same time, all who are in the way may be sent out of the country, and those only being denied passports who can help our enemies with their persons or their fortunes. The superior authority cannot and must not hesitate; we all, insulars and peninsulars, will give him our unconditional support, because we believe it to be a special favor of Providence, in whom we hope and trust, that these events have taken place, that Don Joaquin Jovellar has taken the place of Don Candido Pieltain in the command of the island."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER.

Sunday and most of Monday passed without any confirmation of the rumors, but in the evening editions of Monday's papers the Associated Press telegram, containing the news that the Virginius was to be given up to the United States, was allowed to be published. The same evening the following address by Captain General Jovellar was posted up in the theatres and principal cafés:

HABITANTS OF THE CITY OF HAVANA: In pursuance of my duty of preventing public opinion being led astray, I consider it opportune to address you in a friendly voice, recommending the greatest calmness in the present circumstances. The Virginius question has given rise to the dissemination of rumors and alarming news by the enemies of Spain in Cuba, who, certain that they will produce an effect on your ardent patriotism, help in this way the insurrection. It is true that agreements have been made; it is true that I have received communications respecting these decrees; but if I have been able to inspire you with any confidence in me give me a proof of it by a peaceful attitude, certain that I will do all which is humanly possible for the grand interests of this province and the national dignity, which, with you, I esteem more than my life.

Your Governor and Captain General,

JOAQUIN JOVELLAR.

HAVANA, Dec. 1, 1873.

The posting of the foregoing in the saloons of the memorable Louvre was the signal for the meeting of all those who did not approve of the satisfaction demanded by and conceded to the United States by the Spanish Government. Groups were formed and the news was discussed freely and openly. One talker after another mounted upon table or chair to make a speech. All were violent, and all said that come what might they were disposed to die rather than give up the Virginius. Cries for a demonstration in the Plaza de Armas were raised, but found few to second them, and this little outburst of popular indignation exhausted itself in rhetoric. The excitement was and still is intense, and great fears were at one time entertained for the safety of American citizens and the Consulate.

SPANISH OPINION OF THE PROTOCOL.

The *Eco de Cuba*, a new political review, published for the Peninsula, gives a correct idea of what the feeling to-day is, among the conservatives, or Spaniards without conditions, as they call themselves: "The capture of the filibustering steamer Virginius, and the punishment inflicted, according to the law, on the lesser portion of the pirates on board, has been the cause of reclamations by the United States—reclamations which, absurd in their foundation and aggressive in their form, threatened to end in a war between the two countries. The Madrid Government had firmness enough to resist at first the demands of the neighboring Republic—a sure sign that it neither considered them compatible with reason nor decorum; but later on, and yielding to the exercise of pressure in moments when the existence of the Government itself was threatened, it has thought it prudent and dignified to adopt a contrary course to that followed when the claims were first made. The concessions which the bad faith of our Government has dragged out of us, the insidious counsels of envy, and the pride of the nation which, violating all prescriptions of universal right and of solemn treaties, has protected and fomented these piratical excursions, fills our souls with bitterness and dyes our faces with shame. If the Virginius were an illegal prize, which it is not, has Spain not courts able to decide it, and vindicate the principle of justice, and if the exceptionality of the case should require it, submit the question to arbitration? Is it logical, is it reasonable, that we should begin to prejudge the case by delivering up the Virginius, and thus giving it to be understood, not that we doubt our right, but that we acknowledge having placed ourselves outside the right? If the question is to be submitted to arbitration, what reason is there for the previous delivery of the vessel? And if the previous delivery of the vessel is the condition to which we must humbly submit, then where is the necessity for arbitration?

We Spaniards, born in this or in any other part of the seas, protest before God and the consciences of our brothers, against any agreement which marks our foreheads with the seal of opprobrium. The Spaniards of Cuba do not wish to see dragged through the mud the flag which was raised in this island three hundred years ago in the august name of Isabel, the Catholic. Let our brothers of both hemispheres understand well that Spain does not possess a single sailor in Cuba, not a single soldier, who will give up the Virginius to the enemies of our nation, as she does not possess one single man who will not rather sink with it to the bottom of the sea. Let them understand also that this resolution is unanimous. If on the other side of the ocean, if in Madrid they have forgotten the language of Daoiz, in Cuba we speak with the tongue of Agustina Zaragoza. Our souls converted to God, our arms in our hands, our hearts toward you, and our eyes toward that blessed land which never conquered nor humiliated the stranger, we have still time to say, and the voice of none will be wanting—*Hail! Mother Spain, dying men salute thee.*

A GENERAL DESIRE FOR WAR.

I have said that this may be considered the feeling of all who are not Republicans, and those all are the majority of the inhabitants in the island. They believe themselves to be strong enough to defy the United States, and thus wish for war. Those who think calmly know well that a war with the United States would mean the loss of Cuba to Spain, and yet even those who think calmly and those who act on the impulse of enthusiasm, are doing all they can to bring it about. Not that they wish to lose the island, for if it is possible to avoid a war, all are willing to avoid it, but if there is no other alternative but giving up the Virginius, it will not be done. This is the sort of talk we are hearing every day; the people say that Captain General Jovellar is with them, and I must confess that he seems to have gained the confidence of the people. He can have much influence for good or for evil, and a great deal will depend on his action. Another incident has come to strengthen the people in their determination to resist the demands of the United States. A meeting of authorities, Colonels of volunteers, editors of newspapers, and many of the principal men of Havana was held on Monday night in the palace, and presided over by the Colonial Minister. After the meeting the Minister sent in his resignation to the Government, "having," as the papers express it, "resolved to remain among us and share the dangers which are threatening." The commander of the Tornado and all the officers have announced their intention of resigning should the Virginius be given up—resigning not only their posts, but their grades and decorations. The same determination has been expressed by the Excom. Chief Commander General of the navy, and all the commanders, officers and men acting under his orders. This will be certainly neither more nor less than open rebellion against the home Government, but Spaniards have a way of rebelling against the Government and calling it patriotism, the logical conclusion being that the Government itself is the traitor.

GREAT UNCERTAINTY.

We are all doubt and uncertainty in Havana. Councils of authorities, volunteer officers, and naval commanders are daily sitting, and all are supposed to be agreed upon the one point—that the Virginius is not to be delivered up to the United States.

As yet we are not at all convinced that Spain is able to enforce its orders here, and fear that the United States will have to intervene to demand their fulfillment. QUASIMODO.

MUTINOUS DEMONSTRATIONS—GEN. JOVELLAR'S POLICY—THE POPULAR EXCITEMENT COOLING.

HAVANA, Thursday, Dec. 4, 1873.

On Saturday public excitement had risen to such a height that the Captain General sent a telegram to Madrid informing the Government of the state of the feeling and determination of the people not to give up the Virginius to the United States. The same day Don Miguel Suarez Vigil, Colonel of the volunteer artillery, sent also a telegram to the Government, saying that not only would the Virginius not be given up, but that absolutely no satisfaction would be given for its capture. On Sunday morning, while on duty in one of the forts, the artillery volunteers threw down their arms on learning the confirmation of the previous day's rumors, and a commission was sent to confer with the Captain General, who, earnestly requesting them to keep quiet and have confidence in him, assured them on his honor that if he received a reply in answer to the telegram he had dispatched, confirming the previous order for the delivery of the Virginius, he would do nothing without informing them, and if they and all the people were opposed to it, then he would be on their side. On this the volunteers were pacified and returned to duty. On Monday the reply to the Captain General's telegram was received, confirming the first, stating that Castelar was convinced that the United States would act with justice in the question, and ordering the immediate handing over of the vessel. The first heat of passion over, the excitement is gradually lessening, and people are becoming more convinced of the futility of any attempt at resistance.

ACTION OF THE CASINO.

Don Julian De Zulueta, as President of the Spanish Casino, sent telegrams to the local casinos in the island, informing them that: "Telegrams from Madrid, of the greatest importance, have obliged all good Spaniards to renew their oaths to the Government, to preserve the country's honor in this island even at the cost of our lives. Have confidence in us as we have in you, and when anything decisive occurs, it will be communicated directly." Telegrams in reply have been received from Cienfuegos, Cardenas, Remedios, Santa Clara, Colon, Trinidad, Sagua, Pinar del Rio, Bemba, Placetas, Guanajay, Sancti Spiritus, and Matanzas. The following from Cienfuegos is a specimen of these outbursts of patriotism:

Dec. 1.—The people of Cienfuegos met to-day at 9 in the morning in great number. They protest resolutely against the infamous demands of the American Government, and against every Spaniard who degrades himself by calmly listening to them. They call Government to accept war against that immoral nation, and offer their lives and properties unconditionally to save the national honor and follow in the path traced for them by their brothers of Sagunto and Numancia. In Cienfuegos the volunteers were with difficulty kept from mutiny, and were only pacified by being assured that the Havana authorities would not listen to any talk of giving up the Virginius.

THE SOBER SECOND THOUGHT.

Notwithstanding all this, it is easy to see that the people are becoming more convinced that it will be better for them to quietly submit and obey the orders from Madrid. The *Fos* has a long article in its to-day's issue, evidently intended to prepare its readers for the inevitable winding up. With the same object, the Directing Committee of the National Integrity Society, of which I have so often had occasion to write when speaking of the administration of oaths to its members, has issued the following address:

The National Integrity Society to the Volunteers:

COMPANIONS: We have sworn to save the honor of Spain, and we will save it. If it is needful to die we will die, for it is sweet and glorious to die for one's country. But we have sworn also to preserve order, to obey and to cause the authorities to be respected, and we must accomplish it. If our most worthy Captain General, as prudent and noble as he is brave, asks of us, with the purest and highest patriotism, to have confidence in him and keep tranquil, in order that he may be able to save the dignity of the nation, esteemed by him as by us, more than his life; if in him we see justice, courage, morality, and all other virtues which make us regard him as a father, love him as a friend, and veherate him as our chief; if he is unconditionally one with us, let us subdue our just indignation, which is always produced in Castilian breasts on the first sign of a stain on the national dignity, and let us follow his advice. Let us wait if he says it is best to wait, and comply with all his wishes, as good men should. If war comes, let us seek a glorious death without counting the number of our enemies, but for the love we bear to Spain, and not to fail in the magnanimous undertaking of astonishing the world by our heroism, let us wait for orders from our Captain General.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE NOT PUBLISHED.

We are anxiously waiting to hear the tenor of the President's Message to Congress, which, it is said, was received on Tuesday evening, but up to the hour of writing it has not been published. QUASIMODO.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF HAVANA.

THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE CASINO—THE EXCITEMENT SUBSIDING.

From a Special Correspondent.

HAVANA, Tuesday, Dec. 2, 1873.

It is difficult to strike the just medium between believing too much and utter disbelief. This, never easy at any time, becomes humanly impossible when one has to believe without knowledge, or to refuse to believe from prejudice. Some consider the matter arranged; others, on the contrary, declare that the time was never more critical, and very good arguments are alleged on both sides. Under these circumstances it will perhaps be better not to give to the public of New-York the forecasts of merchants interested in what they say. But the fact is incontestible that the majority of commercial men are buying gold, and that the price has gone up 15 per cent. within the last ten days.

The dispatches of the New-York papers have not done justice to the volunteers. I have seen them, and they are not so black as they have been painted. On the contrary, up to the present moment, I have been most favorably impressed with them as a body. There are of these volunteers over thirty thousand upon the island, and about twenty-five thousand regular troops. The latter, though under the command of regular Generals, and

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LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

AN EXCITING ELECTION AT EXETER—DISTURBANCES FEARED.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—An election to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons, occasioned by the acceptance of the Lord Chief Justiceship of the Court of Common Pleas by Sir John Duke Coleridge, is in progress in Exeter to-day. Sir Edward Watkins is the Liberal candidate, and Arthur Mills. There is much excitement, and disturbances are feared. Detachments of troops from Bristol and Plymouth and a body of troops have gone to Exeter to assist in the suppression of any disorder that may take place. Both candidates are confident of success.

A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ON ANTI-TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION—YELLOW FEVER ON A BRITISH STEAMER.

LONDON, Dec. 10—5 A. M.—Mr. Charles Reed, M. P., addressing his constituents at Hackney last evening, testified to the excellent effects of American temperance legislation, and urged its imitation in England.

The steamer Amberis has arrived at Liverpool from the Gape Coast. Thirteen of her crew died of yellow fever.

DENSE FOG IN LONDON.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A dense fog hangs over this city. At this hour (2 P. M.) it is as dark as night. Locomotion is slow and hazardous.

3:30 P. M.—The fog has increased, to a density which is said to be almost without precedent. It is impossible to transact business, and all traffic has ceased. The streets are filled with men and boys bearing torches to light pedestrians on their way.

RESULT OF THE ELECTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The election at Exeter to-day resulted in the return of Mr. Arthur Mills, a Conservative. He was returned after a sharp contest, by 320 majority.

THE NEW GOVERNOR OF JAMAICA.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Sir William Grey, late Lieutenant Governor of Bengal, has been appointed Governor of Jamaica.

FRANCE.

PRESIDENT MACMAHON'S CONTRIBUTION FOR THE VILLE DU HAVRE SURVIVORS.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—President MacMahon and his wife have contributed 5,000 francs to the fund for the survivors of the Ville du Havre disaster.

THE BAZAINE TRIAL.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 9.—The Bazaine trial is drawing to a close. It is probable that judgment will be given to-morrow.

The proceedings to-day were of unusual interest, and the Trianon was filled and surrounded by an immense crowd of people.

M. Lachaud, the counsel for the defense, read letters from Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia. The first states that Marshal Bazaine never visited the Prince's head-quarters during the siege, and that the Prince saw him for the first time after the capitulation.

The second letter read expresses the highest esteem for Bazaine, and praises him for the energy with which he prolonged the resistance of the Prussian arms.

THE PAPAL SEE.

AN IMPORTANT CONSISTORY TO BE HELD ABOUT EASTER.

ROME, Dec. 9.—Besides the great consistory on the 22d inst., another important consistory will be held about Easter.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Rudolphe, the well-known billiard-player, is in Havana.

Railway mail-service has been established from Petersburg to Springfield, Ill.

It is said that Gov. Burbank has sent his resignation as Governor of Dakota to the President.

The Land Office at Litchfield, Minn., has, by direction of the President, been removed to Little Falls, in that State.

Gen. Belknap will be married to Mrs. A. T. Bowen, of Cincinnati, at Harrodsburg, Ky., on Thursday, the 11th in

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.....WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.

After prayer, the Vice-President laid before the Senate a communication from working men in Philadelphia, in regard to the present financial difficulties, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance.

CIVIL.

Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts, presented petitions of citizens of Massachusetts and West Virginia asking the passage of the supplemental Civil Rights bill, which was laid on the table.

PENALTY IN PATTERNS FOR METAL CASTINGS.

Mr. Sumner introduced a bill to provide for the better security of property in patterns for metal castings. It forbids any person counterfeiting or making a fac-simile of any metal casting by using such casting as a pattern, unless by written consent of the owners, under a penalty of becoming liable to the owner of the original for the ordinary wholesale profits upon articles so produced. Referred to the Committee on Patents.

Mr. Sumner also introduced a bill explanatory of the ninth section of the act of July 13, 1866, concerning deposits in savings banks. It construes that act to include within the exemptions therein made all deposits in savings banks doing business only as such under the laws of their respective States, although having a capital stock in the nature of a guarantee fund for the security of their depositors, and paying to their stockholders dividends thereon limited by the laws of their respective States, provided that all profits of such savings banks, less the aforesaid dividends, are divided among their depositors. The bill also prohibits the collection of taxes contrary to those provisions which have been already enacted, and provides for refunding such taxes if already collected.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Ramsey to provide for the transmission of correspondence by telegraph, which is substantially identical with the so-called "Hubbard bill" for connecting the telegraph with the postal service, introduced in preceding Congress. Its main feature is an authorization for the Postmaster-General to contract with the proposed Hubbard Postal Telegraph Company for transmitting correspondence by telegraph as his agent.

SPECIE PAYMENTS AND FREE BANKING.

Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, introduced a bill for the resumption of specie payments and for free banking, which directs the Secretary of the Treasury to issue, in return for deposits of United States notes to the amount of $50 or upward, $100,000,000 of loan certificates, payable in four years after date, and bearing interest at the rate of three and sixty-five one-hundredths per cent. per annum. All the banks mentioned in section 31 of the National Currency act are authorized, to hold one-half of their reserve in these certificates, and the other half in United States notes, or gold. All other national banks may hold any part of their reserve in these certificates, United States notes, or gold, and any deposit available for redemption of circulating notes may be counted as part of the reserve of an association organized in any of the cities named in the Currency act to which such deposit may be due, provided no interest be paid or suffered to accrue, and all United States notes so received are cancelled. The Secretary of the Treasury is directed at any time after Oct. 1, 1874, to issue five-twenty six per cent. gold bonds to the amount of gold and coin, with the proceeds of which, when sold at par for gold coin, he shall on and after Jan. 1, 1875, redeem in coin such United States notes not bearing interest payable to bearer as may be presented, in sums of not less than $100, at the Treasury in Washington, or at the Sub-Treasury in New-York, and all notes so redeemed may be reissued at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury in payment of any dues of the United States, except United States bonds and interest on the public debt. Finally the bill proposes to repeal all limitations on the amount of national bank currency, except the restriction that the amount of circulation issued to any national bank shall not exceed ninety per cent. of the bonds deposited as security, or of the amount of its paid-in capital stock.

JURISDICTION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Mr. Pratt, of Indiana, introduced a bill to repeal the fourth section of the Judiciary act of Sept. 24, 1789, and the act of Feb. 5, 1867, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee. He also introduced a bill relating to the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the United States. It provides that whenever a final judgment or decree in any suit in the highest court of a State, in which a decision in the suit could be had, may, pursuant to existing laws be re-examined upon a writ of error, and reversed or affirmed in the Supreme Court of the United States, no other error shall be assigned or regarded as a ground of reversal then such as appears on the face of the record of such suit, and immediately respects a question of the construction of the Constitution of the United States, or of the construction or validity of any treaty or statute of or commission held or authority exercised under the United States. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

A bill was introduced by Mr. Alcorn, of Mississippi, to provide for the construction of levees on the Mississippi River. It authorizes the Chief Engineer of the Army to have surveys and drawings made as soon as practicable for the location, design, and execution of a complete system of levees, for the reclamation of the Mississippi, between Cairo and Balize. The cost of the work is to be defrayed by issuing and selling United States bonds from time to time as may be necessary, not exceeding $36,000,000 in currency. The States benefited are to cede to the United States all swamp and overflowed lands within their limits, and also other lands embraced within the lines of said levee. A tax on the various drainage districts is to be levied for maintaining the levees in repair. The levees are to be the property of the United States.

REMOVAL OF DISABILITIES.

Mr. Johnston, of Virginia, introduced a bill to remove the political disabilities of Thomas S. Bocock, of Virginia; John H. Reagan, of Texas, and others, whom was laid on the table.

A COMMITTEE VACANCY FILLED.

The Vice President appointed Mr. Alcorn, of Mississippi, a member of the Committee on Mines and Mining, to fill the vacancy on that committee.

A WRIT OF ERROR TO STATE COURTS.

Mr. Carpenter, of Wisconsin, introduced a resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire if the twenty-fifth section of the Judiciary act of 1789 was repealed by the second section of the act of 1867, and to inquire and report if any further legislation is necessary. He stated these sections regarded writs of error to State courts, and many supposed that the former act was repealed by the latter. Passed.

MR. WILSON TO BE ABSENT SEVERAL WEEKS.

The Vice President gave notice that from to-morrow he would be absent several weeks, and it would be necessary to elect a President *pro tem.*

BANKING AND CURRENCY.

Mr. Buckingham, of Connecticut, called up his bill to provide for free banking, to secure an elastic currency, to appreciate the national obligations, and to remit specie payments without commercial embarrassment, and proceeded to explain briefly the provisions of the bill.

At 1 o'clock, on motion of Senator Conkling, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Bullitt, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Accounts, reported a resolution authorizing the employment of clerks by such committees as have authorized to employ clerks last Congress. Adopted.

REDEMPTION OF THE LOAN OF 1858.

Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill to provide for the redemption of the loan of 1858. It differs entirely from the like bill passed by the Senate. It declares that for the purpose of redeeming the bonds issued under the act of June 14, 1858, it is the pleasure of the United States to pay all the coupon and registered bonds of the loan of 1858 on the 1st of January, 1874, at which date the interest thereon shall cease, and it appropriates money to carry out that provision. The second section authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to issue an equal amount of five per cent. bonds in exchange for such bonds of 1858 as the holders thereof may desire to exchange on or before the 1st of February, 1874, provided that no commissions or allowances whatever be paid for the exchange of bonds.

Mr. Kelley, of Pennsylvania, moved a substitute for the bill. It proposes to pay the loan of 1858 in coin and not to authorize any exchange for the five per cent. bonds.

Mr. Dawes proceeded to explain the bill, and said that though the committee did not expect that the Senate bill was in order to avoid any question or conflict between the two Houses as to the right of the Senate to originate money bills. Referring to his remark the other day denying that any commission had been allowed to the Syndicate in connection with the Geneva award, he added that no person, whether belonging to the Syndicate or not, had ever made any claim on the United States for any commission on that transaction, and that not a dollar was paid. The inference which the public prints had drawn arose simply from the fact that Great Britain had employed some of the gentlemen who were also in the Syndicate to transact that business for it at its expense, and without the cost of a mill to the United States Government. He opposed the substitute offered by Mr. Kelley, and referred to the fact that the paper promises of the Government were flooting unredeemed all over the country in the shape of legal-tender notes. He thought that while that was the case, it was better policy to give to the holders of the loan of 1858 the option of exchanging their bonds for the new five per cent. bonds.

Mr. Kelley advocated his substitute and said that it proposed to save to the Government the million dollars a year which might be imposed upon it by allowing the loan of 1858 to be converted into five per cent. bonds, instead of being paid at once, while the money to do so lay dead in the Treasury, and while the American people were willing to lend to the Government hundreds of millions, at low rates of interest, on certificates of deposit. He denied that the legal-tender notes were promises to pay in gold. They promised to pay so many dollars, and a dollar was that which the sovereign power declared should be a dollar. There was no promise to pay in gold, and therefore no falsification. He wanted it proclaimed to the nation that the United States Government was not only ready to pay but was determined to pay that debt of four million pounds; that it was not, like Turkey and the Central American States, going on the London money market for a petty loan like that. The money was in the Treasury. At the close of last month there had been eighty-three millions of gold in the Treasury, and a steadily rising balance. It was unbecoming this great country to palter about the redemption of a twenty million loan. He trusted that Congress would not place the country in any such humiliating position. He trusted that Congress would not impair American credit abroad by leaving any cynic to suggest a doubt of the ability of the Government to pay twenty millions, and he also trusted that Congress would at an early day provide legitimate Government employment for the greenbacks of the country by revising the system of temporary loans.

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, proposed that the word "coin" should be substituted for the word "money." He preferred the bill reported by the committee to that of his colleague, (Kelley.)

Mr. Wood, of New-York, also opposed Mr. Kelley's substitute, and intimated that he could readily understand why that gentleman wanted money taken out of the Treasury. It was that there might be an excuse for increasing the taxation.

Mr. Kelley protested that he was as much opposed to an increase of taxation as the gentleman from New-York, and would vote against it shoulder to shoulder with that gentleman.

Mr. Wood said that he could attribute the gentleman's proposition to no other motive than the desire to take money out of the Treasury so that the people might be further taxed to replace it. He was opposed to that proposition, and in favor of converting the five per cents into a permanent obligation of the Government as fast as that could be done.

Mr. Beck, of Kentucky, favored the bill of the committee, and opposed the substitute offered by Mr. Kelley. If the twenty millions should be paid out of the Treasury, that amount would have to be raised by taxation. He would not state that that was the motive of the gentleman from Pennsylvania, but he would say that all men who sought to impose burdens on the people would be glad to have this money taken out of the Treasury.

Mr. Burchard, of Illinois, moved to amend the bill by prohibiting the payment of interest on the five per cents. from the 1st of January to the time when they should be exchanged, and stated that that interest which he wished to save would be nearly $100,000. He denied the assumption of Mr. Kelley, that the legal-tender notes were not promises to pay in gold, and he sent to the Clerk's desk and had read the decision of the Supreme Court that a dollar meant coin.

Mr. Burchard's amendment was rejected.

Mr. Dawes, in compliance with Mr. Randall's suggestion, moved to substitute the word "coin" for that of "money" in the bill. Adopted.

Mr. Garfield, of Ohio, moved as an amendment to Mr. Kelley's substitute that, in order to make up the deficiency, a duty of five cents a pound be imposed upon tea and three cents upon coffee, and said that at this moment the expenditures of the Government were beyond the revenue. The revenues of the last month had fallen off so as to make a deficit for the month just closed of over nine millions of dollars. He was opposed to the substitute, but if it were to be adopted he desired to have coupled with it the provision which he had offered.

Mr. Kelley made the point of order that Mr. Garfield's proposition was not germane to the substitute, and the Speaker so ruled.

The substitute itself was rejected, and the bill as amended was passed.

THE SALARY BILL.

The House then, at 1:30 o'clock, proceeded to the discussion of the bill for the repeal of the Increase of Salary law.

Mr. Cox, of New-York, spoke in favor of the repeal, but expressed his preference for the bill as presented by the minority of the committee. In the course of his remarks he said: "Some sinister inferences are sought to be drawn from the allegation that I returned this money on the 30th of April, the day my predecessor died. Even if this were true the inference is false, as until my father's death, and at my mother's request, I had an intention to go abroad for a long voyage. My fare was paid for in the Java. This was after Mr. Brooks' death, but the letter sending this money back is in the *Herald*. It is dated April 26, and in it my brother-in-law says I ordered it to be returned the week before, so that some fortnight before Mr. Brooks' death my intention was known. While in Florida with Mr. Willard, of Vermont, he knew the fact of my intent to have been the same as his. On the death of my uncle, and subsequently of my father, and being compelled twice to go to Ohio on a mission, I could only remember my duty to the dead. All such inferences are from ignorant or conceited malice. When I opposed the bill in February, as the *Globe* shows, I made an ironical remark, received as such that when a gratified country voted me the money I would take it, and this, too, is tortured to mean something I did not, and that, too, by men who expect to keep the money forever. They are not the men to make me uncomfortable. When they pay back, even late, they may talk to me, because I saw into a millstone, and they are ground by it. They think they are injured by my refunding, and yet they, brave souls, march up now and vote for repeal. Of course they are not demagogues. Oh, no! I may cultivate the graces to please the people; I may be a demagogue in doing right; but they did not do the same until prodded to it by the press and the people. If I am a demagogue I do not fawn for thrift, nor take it and then crook the knee."

Mr. Lawrence, of Kansas, made a speech in favor of the repeal because it was demanded by the people, whose agents the members of Congress were. If Congress failed to wipe out the law, the omission would be visited with the continuous defeat of the Republican Party, and that would be a calamity to which he (Lawrence) would not contribute.

Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, asked him whether he (Lawrence) did not take $4,000 back pay in 1866.

Mr. Lawrence, (amid laughter all over the House,) replied that he did take what every other member of that Congress took. He added that the salary fixed by the act of 1866 had not outraged the public judgment and the public conscience as the act of 1873 had done, and that that fact furnished, perhaps, some reason why the members of that Congress had not returned the back pay.

Mr. Wilson tried to get an opportunity to put some further questions to Mr. Lawrence, but the latter, amid much confusion and laughter, refused to yield for the purpose.

Mr. Kellogg, of Connecticut, asked Mr. Lawrence whether the members of the Thirty-ninth Congress had not taken double mileage for themselves and reduced it one-half as to future Congresses.

Mr. Lawrence replied that he did not recollect precisely as to that. [Laughter.]

Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, asked him whether he had taken the increase pay for the last nine months.

Mr. Lawrence replied that he had, but that he had returned the difference to the Treasury.

Mr. Kendall, of Nevada, opposed the repeal. While he had the utmost respect for the will of the people when fairly expressed, he made a clear distinction between popular will and popular clamor. He claimed to be able to show that the salary as it now stood was less than the old, especially in the case of the members from the far West, and he undertook to do so by showing that they lost by the abrogation of mileage, the repeal of the franking privilege, and the withdrawal of allowances for stationery and newspapers. He was not here to attempt to defy the popular will, but he repeated that he drew a wide distinction between the popular will fairly expressed, and popular clamor led by demagogues and by a corrupt and partisan press.

Mr. Negley, of Pennsylvania, made some remarks in allusion to what he called the extreme sensitiveness of the gentleman from New-York (Mr. Cox.) He (Mr. Negley) had seen in the public papers that that gentleman had drawn his back pay, and had given it to his father and mother because they were orphans, and that when the telegraph announced that all that was mortal of James Brooks would soon pass over the portals of time and care, he (Mr. Cox) had returned the money to the Treasury. He had not kept it all Summer, but he had kept it from the 10th of March to the 30th of April. He (Mr. Negley) did not question the gentleman's motives or his right. He had simply referred to the facts.

Mr. Cox—Does the gentleman arraign my statement? I have stated that I returned the money to the Treasury two weeks before Mr. Brooks' death.

Mr. Negley—I have not stated otherwise. I would not misrepresent the gentleman, having a proper regard for my own self-respect and for his feelings; but the gentleman appears on this floor, immediately on the commencement of this session, as the conspicuous figure of a group of gentlemen anxious and zealous in arraigning their associates for committing a great wrong against the public Treasury and public sentiment, and I desire to refer to the gentleman's own acts in order to put him in the position in which he has put himself. From June 4 to Nov. 5 the gentleman drew $3,125, although he was not elected as a member till the 5th of November.

Mr. Cox—Is the gentleman aware of the law on that subject?

Mr. Negley—I am aware of the law, and so is the gentleman.

Mr. Cox—The law is express in regard to it. Is the gentleman aware of the law?

Mr. Negley—I am aware of it.

Mr. Cox—Let us see what it is.

Mr. Negley—If the gentleman will permit me, I will be more indulgent to him than he has been to me. The gentleman has only served nine days in this Congress, and yet has drawn over $5,000. If that is not drawing back pay I appeal to the common sense of the House.

Mr. Cox—Has the gentleman served any longer in this Congress than I have? I was sworn in the same day as he.

Mr. Negley—But I am not showing such a disgusting amount of virtue as the gentleman, and, consequently, I am not here making my own defense. The objection which I have had to this whole proceeding was the introduction of this bill, and the indecent haste of the gentleman to bring it before the country while our industries are depressed, and while the condition of the finances demand immediate legislation. I have had no intention to be personal in this matter. I simply allnded to the statement in the newspapers not with any intention of arraigning the gentleman (Mr. Cox) before the House on a question on which he had a perfect right to act according to his best judgment. But the gentleman appears here as the Judge Advocate of the people. He arraigns his associates for committing a great crime; or, in his own language, for stealing money from the Treasury. When he makes that statement I desire the House and the country to understand exactly the part which he has played in stealing money from the Treasury, if he so styles it. If this measure had been introduced in the interest of economy, it would have commanded my vote and my earnest support. If it had been introduced out of respect to public opinion by the gentlemen who had the most right to introduce it, I mean those who had favored the increase, I should have been willing to give it my support. But, on the contrary, it has been introduced by a number of gentlemen who have just escaped from the follies of their youth, and who come here for the purpose of carving some new reputation. [Laughter.]

Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, said it was not his purpose to argue against the repeal of the Salary bill, nor to argue that the salary was not fixed too high, but he desired to show that there was nothing in that action unworthy or dishonest, that a man might vote for it and still be the peer in integrity and conscience of all the multitude of his detractors. He proceeded to refer to past precedents on the same subject, naming many of the popular and distinguished men who voted for like measures, and received the benefits of them, and he repeated to Mr. Lawrence, of Ohio, the question whether he had not drawn the back pay voted by Congress in 1866.

Mr. Lawrence replied that every member of that Congress, except the members from West Virginia, had taken the pay fixed by the act of 1866. He condemned the Salary act of March 3, 1873, not so much because of the back pay as because both the back pay and the front pay were too high.

Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, reminded Mr. Lawrence that he had condemned it a while ago because it was back pay.

Mr. Lawrence—Because it was back pay—too much in amount. [Laughter.]

Mr Dawes, of Massachusetts—I want the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. Lawrence) to tell us how much back pay he would go for. [Loud laughter.] He says that in 1866 he took his back pay because every member of Congress did so. He returns the increase of pay because, he says, the people condemn it. So he goes with the multitude whatever way the multitude goes. [Loud laughter at the expense of Mr. Lawrence.]

Mr. Lawrence desired to make a rejoinder, but Mr. Wilson, who had the floor, declined to yield to him.

Mr. Parsons, of Ohio, hoped his colleague (Mr. Lawrence) would be allowed to answer, because he needed very much to put himself right. [Laughter.]

Mr. Lawrence retorted that his colleague would have an opportunity to answer some inquiries.

Mr. Parsons declared himself ready to answer any inquiries.

Another member appealed to the House on behalf of Mr. Lawrence, referring to the constitutional provision that no cruel or unusual punishment shall be inflicted on any person. [Laughter.]

Mr. Wilson, of Indiana, continued his argument, and claimed to have proved that the last Congress, in the passage of the Salary bill, had followed in the footsteps of their most illustrious predecessors. The merit or demerit of the act did not depend on whether it was done on the first or last day of a Congress. Men might differ as to the proper salary, without being either robbers or thieves. The people, however, had a right to demand that the act of the last Congress should be repealed. The people had made that demand, and Congress was bound to accede to it. Whatever Congress would do would be criticised, but perhaps the best way of disposing of the matter was to place the law as it was before, and he trusted that the House would put the bill on that basis.

Mr. Lamison, of Ohio, criticised the position of his colleague, (Mr. Lawrence,) and ridiculed him for his assumption of superior virtue in connection with the salary question. The same degree of interest, he declared, which modern ages have felt in regard to the features of Homer, would be felt by future ages in regard to those of the famous author of the report of the Select Committee on the New-York Election Frauds. [Laughter.] He asserted that the popular clamor against the increased salary bill was got up mainly by demagogues and interested politicians; that he had met his constituents and argued the question to their entire satisfaction, and that he had no fear of his ability to convince them again that his position was correct.

Mr. Starkweather, of Connecticut, advocated the bill reported by the select committee. He, too, drew a distinction between the expression of the popular will and the public clamor got up by demagogues and by a sensational press. He had opposed the original measure for the increase of compensation, and still believed that it was unwise. At such a time as this particularly, when wages all over the country were being reduced on an average of twenty per cent., members should not insist on retaining an increase of fifty per cent, but should submit willingly to the proposed reduction.

Mr. Pewsand, of Pennsylvania, advocated an amendment proposed by him several years ago, reducing the salary of members to $5,000.

Mr. Lynch, of Mississippi, argued that whatever change was to be made, whether of increase or decrease, should not take effect during the present Congress.

Mr. Hall, of Maine, gave notice that he would try to get a vote on the bill to-morrow, and then, at 4 o'clock, the House adjourned.

CHEAP TRANSPORTATION.

ACTION OF THE NEW-YORK ASSOCIATION.

THE DEFECTS IN THE PRESENT SYSTEM—THE REMEDIES PROPOSED—THE OBJECTIONS.

A meeting of the Directors of the New-York Cheap Transportation Association was held yesterday afternoon at No. 119 Pearl street, B. B. Sherman presiding. After the transaction of routine business, a report was presented from the Committee on Railway Transportation. It sets forth that the old-time merchants of New-York were in the habit of speculating in staple products, and were often enabled to hold the market against a decline for months, because means of communication and transportation were deficient; but now intelligence of the scarcity of any article in this market is flashed North, South, East, and West—under the ocean and around the world. While corn in Iowa is worth twenty cents per bushel, in New-York the market price is sixty cents. While cattle in Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas are worth from $10 to $20 per head, they, at the abbatoirs of New-York, bring from $40 to $66. In Ohio and West Virginia abounds cannel coal of the finest quality, worth at the door of the mine $4 per ton; in Pennsylvania, within 300 miles of New-York, the best anthracite coal is worth $3 per ton, yet in New-York these cost the consumer respectively $15 and $7 per ton. These figures were made in October, and although fluctuations in markets cause slight changes in the relative proportions, yet, in the main, they are correct. The manufactures of the East are also greatly enhanced in cost to the consumers of the West, and thus at every step in the examination of this question it is seen that the people are dependent almost for their very existence—certainly for all the ordinary necessaries of life—upon the transportation facilities of the country. There can be no doubt but that the principle of co-operation, as shown in our Post Office system, is equally true for transporting freight as it is for letters and newspapers, but it cannot be applied with equal facility because of the greatly-increased volume of material to be moved, and the difficulty under our present civil service system of obtaining a sufficient number of employes who can be relied upon for honesty and efficiency. Therefore, in the opinion of the committee, it is not advisable for the Government to undertake the business of a common carrier of merchandise, but in order that there may be some check upon the rapacity of great corporations, which have grown so that no new enterprise conducted by individuals can successfully compete with them, and in order that the people may to some extent enjoy the benefits of competition, a national from highway between the East and the West, to be constructed by the Government, is recommended, but to be operated under a general law by individuals, they paying toll therefor sufficient to maintain the road-bed. There is a wide-spread belief that the Government cannot do anything as well as can be done by private enterprise; but there are some enterprises in which the welfare of the entire nation is interwoven, and which are of such importance and extent that they can be better done by the whole people co-operating through the machinery of Government. Under this class come our public highways in every town, county, and State; and, in a wider field, our Post Office system, our national currency, and our army and navy. If this is a bad principle, why are greenbacks preferable to the old wild-cat State currency? Why not let each State absolutely control its quota of the United States Army, and give each State the control of one or two vessels of our navy? Our system of railway transportation being full of defects and abuses, something must be done to remedy them.

THE PROMINENT DEFECTS IN OUR PRESENT SYSTEM.

Among the prominent defects in our present system, are the following:

1. The present method of undertaking the construction of railways without a paid-up capital.

2. The inflation commonly known as "watering of stock" by which its nominal value is largely increased, thereby making it necessary to unduly tax travel and commerce to secure it a value.

3. By rings in their management, through which both the public and the non-managing stockholders are forced to enrich a few prominent officials and managing stockholders.

4. The present system, which necessitates the operation of passenger and freight trains over the same road-bed in which the passenger traffic has the right of way, thus making it necessary for freight trains to lay up two-thirds of the time when they should be rolling on to their destination.

5. The but partial representation of the stockholders in the boards of direction.

That railway investments have been unremunerative to the great mass of the stockholders who have paid for their stock is doubtless true, for they are plucked by the managing ring to almost the same extent as the public, and when they are not so plucked it is because it is to the interest of this ring to lay the entire burden on the shoulders of the public, two striking instances of which can be seen in the management of the New-York Central and the Pennsylvania Central Railways. There is a great difference between managing and non-managing stockholders, and it is well known that the former usually earich themselves at the expense of the latter and of the public who are obliged to use their road. Along the line of all the principal railways in the United States will be found a chain of the wealthiest men in the country who have made their money out of their connection with railway management. These are the men who properly come under the term "venturesome individuals." Along the line of the Erie Railroad we find the following: Jay Gould, Daniel Drew, Charles G. Sisson, New-York; Mr. Berdell, Goshen; Mr. Eldridge, Elmira; Homer Ramsdell, Newburg; Mr. Phelps, Col. Dwight, Binghamton, each of whom are estimated to be worth from $1,000,000 to $10,000,000, and there are hundreds of others of lesser note. The New-York Central presents a precisely parallel case, the Pennsylvania Central another, and it is more or less true of every railroad in the United States. Of those whose names have a national reputation we may mention: Mr. Vanderbilt, Mr. Scott, Mr. Durant, Mr. Edgar Thompson, Mr. Bushnell, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Asa Packer, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Russell Sage, Mr. Crocker, Mr. Fargo, and there are plenty of others the mention of whose names tend to prove that the people of this country do not "get their persons and property transported at a less by a small body of venturesome individuals."

In regard to the second of the defects mentioned, it is only necessary to state that the obligations of the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad at this time amount to about $90,000,000, while it is susceptible of proof that the total cost to its stock and bond holders was less than $35,000,000; eight per cent. dividends are regularly paid on the former sum, thus imposing an annual burden on the commerce of this State and City on $65,000,000 of fictitious capital, amounting, at eight per cent., to over $5,000,000. The outstanding obligations of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad now amount to about $75,000,000, for which not more than $35,000,000 was ever paid by its stock and bond holders. The watering of stock, in one form or another, has been practiced by nearly all of the principal companies in this country, and it is estimated that about one-third of all the stock of railway companies in the United States has been issued upon a fictitious basis.

In regard to the third of the defects mentioned, it is only during the past few years that rings in the management have become a prominent feature, but now all the trunk lines have a Credit Mobilier ring of "managing stockholders," who organize a series of fast freight lines and supply companies, which fleece the public and fleece the great body of the stockholders.

In regard to the fourth defect, it is not generally known that freight trains are obliged to lay up two-thirds of the time in order that passenger-trains may have the right of way, but such is the case; the average time made by freight trains is but about 100 miles per day; when a freight train obtains a few hours right of way it has to run at a rate of speed which is expensive in wear and tear and results in many accidents; more than half the accidents which took place, and over eighty per cent. of the number of lives lost in railway collisions during the past year were the result of operating passenger and freight traffic over the same roadway. All estimates of the capacity of railways for freight purposes, and the cost of such transportation has heretofore been based upon the results of such mixed traffic; with railways devoted exclusively to freight, it is estimated by competent authority, that their capacity for such purposes would be at least quadrupled, and some of our ablest railroad men assert that on such railways, grain and other heavy freight can be carried as cheaply and much more expeditiously than by canal; on the other hand, however, the advocates of canal transportation maintain that on heavy freights railways can never compete with water transportation.

The report of the committee also shows the relative work done in this State by canals and railways during the year 1872, and the amount paid for such work. The amount paid for the transportation of property by rail was in the proportion of six and a half to one for canal transportation, and the number of tons transported on railroads, as compared with canals, was in the proportion of four and one-half to one. The inference to be drawn from these figures is that while transportation by canal is cheaper, yet the difference in time and convenience is in favor of railroads, and as long as this is so the great bulk of the thousand and one articles which comprise the luxuries, and many of the necessaries, of life will be carried by rail. The amount paid for railroad passengers was $24,472,809 12, and for railroad freight, $28,286,810 12, while the canal freight was only $10,646,711.

THE REMEDIES PROPOSED.

After careful examination and consideration of the subject, it is the opinion of the committee, that the desired relief must come from:

1. Legislation; by which our present system of railways can be regulated and improved, and—

2. Competition, which will complete and carry out the reform which legislation must inaugurate.

Under the head of legislation we must have the following laws:

1. A law creating a Board of Railway Commissioners, who shall be clothed with power to establish and regulate rates for transporting freight over all railroads doing business in this State, and to prescribe a uniform system of keeping railway accounts.

2. A law prescribing an equitable system of proportional or minority representation of the stockholders in the boards of direction.

3. A law restraining railway companies from paying interest or dividends beyond a fair and just return on the actual cost of their property to their stock and bond holders, and compelling them to expend all sums in excess of such amount, and what is required to keep their roads in proper repair and pay their necessary operating expenses, on their moving, handling, and terminal facilities for public security and convenience, and to reduce their transportation charges when such facilities are in a perfect and completed condition.

4. A law prohibiting all railway companies from making unjust and excessive discriminations against places which are not competing points.

5. A law prohibiting all railway companies from delegating their business to separate corporations, now known as fast freight lines, the entire receipts of which do not go into the treasury of the road over which they run.

6. A law to prohibit the leasing, consolidation or combination of parallel lines of road, by which competition is destroyed and the people's highways converted into monopolies.

7. A law prohibiting railway companies from acquiring or holding more real estate than is necessary for the operation of their roads, and prohibiting railway companies from engaging in mining or any business other than that of transportation.

8. A law making it a penal offense for any public official to accept or use the free pass of any railway company, and prohibiting railway companies from granting such passes to any but regular employes of such railways.

All the above provisions should be national, but are also applicable to separate States as well. Some of them have a bearing upon the question of competition, but the great good to be realized from this latter power must come from a national double or quadruple track railroad exclusively for freight, to be built and operated in the interest of the whole people. While opinions may honestly differ as to how and by whom such a road should be constructed, yet there can be no such difference of opinion as to the necessity of having such a road. Our water lines are closed by ice during a large portion of the year; and even if, they were always open, there would be abundant business for such a road to do in the transportation of live stock, produce, and manufactures, which must have speedy transportation. But how are we to get it? In the examination of the subject your committee are forced to arrive at the conclusion that we are not likely to soon obtain the much-needed relief, unless the road is built and owned by the people through the National Government.

THE OBJECTIONS.

The objections which are urged against the building of such a highway by the Government are that in building, it would be mismanaged and cost double the amount it should cost; that after it was finished the management would prove defective; that the maintenance of the road bed would make it necessary to employ a large number of men which would be another powerful political machine, and that such centralization of power in the hands of the National Government would be dangerous, and that it would be a fruitful source of corruption for all time to come; that such a road could never be located, for every city on the West and every city at the East would want it at their own doors; and that it would never pay if it were built. All these objections were urged when De Witt Clinton advocated the construction of the Erie Canal, a public highway which has been the only competition which the people have been able to use in protecting themselves against the soulless corporations. Both the City and State of New-York could not have attained the commercial pre-eminence they now enjoy, and the development of the West would have been greatly retarded. This competition is effective so far as it goes, and it should be increased by enlarging the capacity of our canals to the utmost; but railways have, for carrying many kinds of goods, practically superseded canals and revolutionized the commerce of the country. Besides, canals are not available at all seasons; therefore, to obtain relief from the ills under which we suffer we must have an iron highway.

CORRUPT LEGISLATION.

The committee alluding to the amount of money spent for corrupt legislation, state that it is notorious that two-thirds of the money corruptly spent to influence legislation comes from railways, in their efforts to obtain legislation antagonistic to the interests of the people, and instead of such a highway being productive of more corruption of this character, it is the opinion of this committee, based upon careful investigation, that it would be a potent agent in reducing the amount of money so expended, for, as stated, it would inaugurate an era of retrenchment and economy in railway management, instead of the reckless and lavish expenditure that now prevails. In conclusion the committee submitted that the remedies for the defects and abuses in our present system of transportation must comprise the following:

1. Regulation and improvement of our present railway system by proper legislation.

2. The construction and ownership by the people of a national iron highway for the movement of freight, and, as an auxiliary, our canals must be enlarged and their capacity increased by the application of steam as a motive power.

On motion of Mr. Trask the report was referred to a special committee with power to print and circulate as many copies as they may deem necessary.

The Secretary read an invitation from Hon. Josiah Quincy, President of the National Cheap Transportation Society, asking the Directors to send a delegation of their body to the Convention of the Cheap Transportation Association, to be held in Washington, on Wednesday, the 14th January next. The President was authorized to appoint a committee of five or more to attend the convention.

The meeting then adjourned.

VANDERBILT'S RAILROAD.

IMPORTANT ACTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

At the meeting of the Board of Health, held yesterday afternoon, Dr. Stephen Smith, Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, presented the following report in relation to the work known as the "Fourth Avenue Improvement:"

"The Sanitary Committee respectfully submit the following report on the condition of Fourth avenue, above Forty-ninth street. The committee, in company with Assistant Inspector Nealis, examined the condition of Fourth avenue, above Forty-ninth street, on the line of the work now being performed thereat, for the purpose of making a track for the Harlem Railroad Company, and found said avenue in a condition dangerous to life, for the reason that on the easterly side of said avenue the excavation is being made for the purpose above referred to, while on the westerly line not only the street, but almost the entire sidewalk, side the rails are laid in such a manner as to monopolize the excavation and no barrier is properly protected or provided, with either fence or railing, sufficient so insure protection to pedestrians who may attempt the hazardous feat of crossing or walking on this avenue, or vehicles which may have occasion to pass over at the many great thoroughfares intersecting the same. Several of the streets referred to were, as far as traffic at this point was concerned, effectually closed by reason of large mounds of earth being piled up in the avenue where the work is going on. In such instances we noticed a railing put up across the street, evidently for the purpose of preventing vehicles from attempting to pass at those points, but there was nothing to prevent foot passengers from entering; on the contrary, an opening was left at either end of the railing, apparently to facilitate ingress and egress of persons thereat. There is nothing to prevent any person, old or young, from walking on the track or attempting to cross the avenue at any time, whatever the danger may be from passing trains. In the course of our inspection we saw many children, at various points, walking between the rails, apparently unaware of the great danger they were incurring. It is true that on one side of the street-crossings (the westerly side) there is a man stationed, whose duty it is to wave a flag on the approach of a train, but this is totally inadequate to answer the purpose intended, as if not unfrequently happens that the train is almost at the crossing before the flagman is to be seen. At one crossing (Forty-first street) a woman stood for some time, looking somewhat bewildered, and apparently deliberating whether it was safe to attempt to pass over, there being no person to direct her. She finally made the venture and went over in safety, seemingly a good deal frightened. It was also noticeable that some of the booths provided for flagmen were fastened on the inside, the persons in charge depending for observation of the incoming and outgoing trains on a small opening in the booths, in some cases not more than three by four inches.

In consideration of the above state of affairs and the dangerous condition of the line of the work generally, we respectfully recommend that a proper gate be provided on either side of every street crossing, open for the passage of vehicles, on the line of Fourth avenue, above Forty-ninth street, where rails are laid on the level of the street or sidewalk; and the committee further recommend that a continuous fence be constructed from each of said gateways along the line of said rails, and at such a distance therefrom as to insure a good and sufficient clearance for all trains passing thereat; said gateways and fence to be so constructed and adjusted as effectually to prevent footpassengers or vehicles from crossing said avenue during the passage of such trains.

As the power to regulate the use of streets and public places in the manner herein suggested has been exclusively conferred upon the Common Council, under the provisions of chapter 335, of the laws of 1873, it is also recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to that body, with the request that ordinances for the protection of human life along the line of Fourth avenue, may be adopted. It is further recommended that an ordinance be adopted directing the parties in charge of, or constructing this work, to grade the streets, sidewalks, and gutters along the side of the said railroad, so that all surface-water be freely discharged therefrom."

The report and the recommendations of the committee were adopted, and a copy of the same was ordered to be transmitted to the Common Council.

MEETING OF ORIENTALISTS.

A meeting of distinguished Orientalists was held Monday evening at the residence of Mr. J. W. Barrow, and under the Presidency of Rev. Dr. Crosby, of this City, to form a society for the encouragement of the critical study of the Semitic and Oriental languages. After several speeches a provisional organization was effected. The first regular meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 5, at the same place. Among those present, besides the two gentlemen already mentioned, were the following Orientalists: Rev. Dr. W. H. Ward, Rabbi; Rev. Dr. Hnebsch, Mr. Hill, Dr. Chambers, Geo. Woodward, Gen. Ganier D'Abain, and Dr. Meyrwitz.

THE EMIGRATION COMMISSION.

EXCITING DEBATES AT THE MEETING YESTERDAY—A RESOLUTION TO BORROW $100,000 PASSED.

The Commissioners of Emigration held their regular fortnightly meeting yesterday afternoon, all of them being present except Commissioner Havemeyer. The Treasurer presented his report, which shows a balance in the Treasury of $11,785 84. The receipts for the past two weeks were $230,456 30. The disbursements since June 1 have been $928,743 36. A number of reports and communications were received and placed on file. Rev. Mr. Numan, who was sent South, reports that a large number of Germans had obtained employment. The Italians had not been so successful, however. He was of opinion that much good could be accomplished by sending emigrants to the South.

An excited debate arose between Messrs. Kaufmann and Stephenson, which was joined in

At the meeting of the Board of Health, yesterday, Dr. E. E. Jones, Assistant Sanitary Superintendent, reported that he had inspected the cars of the Eighth Avenue Railroad, and found them all in a condition detrimental to health, from the fact that they are extremely deficient in means of ventilation, the only provision being a small window about 15 by 6 inches at each end of the roof, said windows being closed by levers, but when open did not close in such the only effect being to permit a current of air from front to rear of the car, above the heads of the passengers, thus affording but a small amount of good air for respiration. While he stated a provision for the egress of foul air did exist in the ventilators in the roof, they were not sufficient to carry off the impurities of the atmosphere of the car, the history of that disease in New-York last week at Coroner's Office, and the lowest was at the Tenement House, where the number of deaths reported was 84.366 inches. The conditions under which many new persons are worthy of careful observation. It is the annual addition to the population of unprotected children in the course of four or five years, which constantly renews the material for the production of the particular kind of disease. The

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—Italian.—Signor Tommaso Salvini. Matinee Booths Theatre.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—Rose.—Mr. Louis James, Mr. W. Savage, Miss Minnie Conway.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Home and Ice or Paris Fashionable. Lester Wallack, Miss E. Rogers.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—Les Agnes.—Miss Rose Eytinge, Mr. Steele Mackaye.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Wives Can.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence.

BROADWAY THEATRE.—Dives.—Impersonations.—The Seasons.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—Children of the Wood.—The Three Guards.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—Humpty Dumpty Abroad.—Mr. G. L. Fox, Miss Fanny Hayward.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—The Marble Heart.—Mr. Edwin Adams.

THE KIRK.—Barnum's Museum, Menagerie, and Circus. Afternoon and evening.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performances afternoon and evening. Curiosities.

MRS. CONWAY'S THEATRE, BROOKLYN.—The Geneva Cross.—Mrs. F. B. Conway, Mr. Frank Roche.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.—Farces, Singing, Comicalities.—Messrs. Unsworth, S. Seymour, and others.

STEINWAY HALL.—Piano Concert by Blind Tom.

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We believe we may confidently announce that the difficulty with Spain has been satisfactorily settled, and that the demands of our Government have been complied with. The efforts of the rowdies in both countries to stir up war have failed, and another victory has been gained for peace. The terms insisted upon by the United States fully satisfy every claim which could be honorably put forward, and Señor CASTELAR's Government has acted throughout with entire good faith. It would have ill become a nation which has led the way in settling international disputes by arbitration to have rushed into war without even going through the form of asking an explanation from the offending power. As we have said before, when the papers are laid before Congress it will be found that the State Department has conducted the negotiation in a faultless spirit—with great energy and determination, and yet with a proper degree of courtesy. To Secretary FISH the greatest credit is due, and the Administration will add to the honor which it previously won in arranging a threatening dispute with England without an appeal to arms.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, has introduced a bill for the resumption of specie payments. It is to take effect in part now, in part on the 1st of January, 1875. The portion intended to have immediate effect proposes to substitute 3.65 per cent. bonds, payable in four years, for the greater part of the bank reserves, and to cancel the greenbacks so replaced. The remaining portion proposes to sell 100 millions of 6 per cent. bonds for gold, and with the proceeds to redeem any greenbacks that may be presented in sums of $100 after Jan. 1, 1875. This is in accordance with the very sensible view of the Secretary of the Treasury, that among the essential conditions to the maintenance of specie payments is the accumulation of coin in the Treasury, with the approval of Congress. We do not believe Congress would, or ought to, consent to any attempt at resumption which did not fully comply with this condition.

We are accustomed, at this season of the year, to appeal to the public on behalf of that excellent charity, the Children's Aid Society. To-day we publish a statement from the managers of the society which ought to be sufficient, without any words from us, to induce everybody who has a few dollars or even a few cents to spare to communicate at once with Mr. C. L. BRACE, No. 19 East Fourth street. This gentleman has given up some of the best years of his life to the work of saving destitute children from ruin, and the amount of good he has effected is incalculable. But the present demands upon the society are very much greater than its means can meet, and, therefore, immediate help is necessary. If any of our readers will take the trouble to visit one of the institutions under the management of the society, they will see at once what strong claims it has upon their support. We trust they will do this; at any rate, we beg for funds for one of the most worthy and best-managed charities ever established in this City, and we are confident that we shall not beg in vain.

The Police Commissioners deserve commendation for their action yesterday in prohibiting all members of the force, including themselves, from asking or accepting free passes to places of amusement. In return for the Police protection which the theatres had the right to expect during the hours of entertainment, the Captains were in the habit of levying a heavy tax upon them in the way of tickets for seats, which they distributed among their friends. This tax was usually levied in the name of some one of the Commissioners, and the odium of a pernicious system consequently attached to those who were really blameless in the matter. The new order so far puts an end to this evil that the proprietors of theatres will only have themselves to blame if they suffer from it in the future. While requesting them to refuse free passes to all members of the force, the Commissioners have had the good sense to detail a number of policemen to each place of amusement amply sufficient for the purpose of preserving order and protecting the public against thieves.

An amusing discussion arose in the House of Representatives yesterday over the bill providing for the payment of the bonded loan of 1858, which is due Jan. 1. Mr. KELLEY, of Pennsylvania, wanted the bonds all paid in coin. He did not want any cynic across the ocean to say that this country could not meet a paltry $30,000,000. Mr. KELLEY's enthusiasm was misplaced. The loan of 1858 is a five per cent. gold loan. The bill allows its holders to exchange their bonds for the new five per cent. gold bonds, if they prefer doing so, to taking the gold. Why should they not? The Secretary of the Treasury has already had applications for permission to make these exchanges. Why should not such permission be given? We do not believe Transatlantic cynics would make much of it.

In the proceedings of the New-York Cheap Transportation Association, published this morning, there is gratifying evidence of earnest devotion to the purpose for which it was formed. That the association means to do something is plain from the suggestions which are made by its Railway Committee. There may be some differences of opinion in regard to the proposed legislative remedies, but there can be none as to the necessity of some action to make the railroads serve the public interests, instead of being managed for the exclusive benefit of a few men. The laws proposed by the committee would doubtless have the desired effect. Now that the association has taken up this matter, we hope the members will spare no effort to secure the required legislation. They have a difficult task on hand, but it is one which can be accomplished. They can do their cause more effective service by devoting themselves to this work than by endeavoring to have the National Government build a competing road. If the proper regulation of our present lines of railway does not serve to cheapen transportation, it will then be necessary to consider the propriety of constructing new roads.

A POLITICAL LANDMARK.

A week ago the President recommended, in a very brief paragraph of his annual message, the passage of a law bestowing amnesty on all those from whom it has hitherto been withheld. The day before yesterday, a bill embodying his recommendation was introduced in the House of Representatives, and promptly passed, almost without discussion. The bill came in from the Committee on Rules, reported by a Southern Republican, and almost the only debate that arose had reference, not to the measure or its merits, but to the unusual and wholly irregular manner in which it made its appearance. It called out only a light vote, and there were but twenty-nine nays recorded. In this casual way was treated a question, almost the only one remaining of a class which a few years since divided the voters of the country.

As we pointed out frequently during the campaign of 1872, it was not to amnesty itself that the Republican Party was hostile—it was to amnesty claimed as the Southern extremists then claimed it, and to be granted as the Democracy then promised to grant it. Amnesty now is simply the avowal of the great majority of the people that, without abating a jot of their loyalty to the Union, and without yielding their condemnation of the treason of 1861-65, they have no reason to fear the full return of all the people of the South to the exercise of political privileges. It is a vote of confidence partly in the good faith of the South, which has gradually been pledged to the observance of fidelity to the Union, and partly in the overwhelming power of the nation to maintain itself against whatever lingering disloyalty there may be in any part of the country. Amnesty thus established is, in purpose and in fact, a new bond of union. It invites the South to the resumption of their part in the Government, without any reference to the sad and bitter past, and it announces that there is no longer any ground to expect or to fear the renewal of rebellion, direct or indirect, open or concealed.

Amnesty wrested from the country by a change in the National Government, and through the agency of a party that had been during the war in sympathy with the rebellion, would have been a very different thing. That was what the country rejected. It is not worth while now to describe the difficulties and dangers that would have sprung up on every side had the programme of the Democrats been carried out. The country foresaw them, happily, and refused to enter on the path that was beset by them. The dominant party has now shown that there was nothing in this refusal which involved the principle of amnesty. It has, on the contrary, promptly and generously conceded that principle.

The adoption of an Amnesty act by Congress—for there is no room for doubt that the measure will receive the approval of the Senate—substantially disposes of what have been known as "war questions." It is an interesting inquiry, What will be the questions to succeed them? And what will be the effect on the fortunes of parties of a change in the issues by which the country has been heretofore divided? The inquiry is not one that anybody with much experience of American politics will be in haste to answer. Eighteen months ago, the political prophets were confident that revenue questions would decide the then approaching canvass. As long as revenue questions separated a small but intelligent body of Republicans from their party, and the Democratic leaders thought they saw in them a means of further division, there was a good deal of attention paid to such questions. But when the Greeley movement took shape, and the Democratic leaders saw a different, and, as they foolishly imagined, a better, instrument of division, revenue questions were promptly pitched out of the window, and it suddenly became evident that they had very little intrinsic power to arouse public opinion on one side or the other. Probably no one would say now that they are probable subjects of contest for the next year or two. This year a desperate attempt was made by the Democrats to decide the elections on the character of the Republican leaders. They succeeded indifferently well. But if they should play that game on any large scale, it would call up for inspection the character of the Democratic leaders, and then the game would be up. Besides, the Republican Party, like every great party, is stronger than its leaders, and in the long run, bad men cannot rule it any more than good men could rule the Democrats as they now are. But, whatever the issues that may arise, there is every reason to be confident of the political prosperity of the country. No people has ever shown greater capacity for development under free institutions than our own. It has faced the greatest dangers, and solved the most perplexing problems, that nations can be called upon to deal with. Parties have been the instruments with which the people have worked. But they are only instruments, and the people will be as capable in the future as in the past to mold and wield them as the needs of the time require.

HOME RULE IN IRELAND.

The conference recently held in Dublin has served to place the question of Home Rule in a much clearer light than that in which it had previously been seen by the outside world. Hitherto a mystery had pervaded it. So many propositions had been put forward, and either contradicted or repudiated soon after, that it was by no means clear what Mr. BUTT and his followers had agreed to ask. Moreover no judgment could be formed as to how far the movement received the sanction and indorsement of the Irish people. But these things, which are of first importance, can now be estimated with very tolerable accuracy.

The address which led to the convention of the meeting received, it is said, 24,000 signatures. Although this represents but a small portion of the population generally, it is, nevertheless, a sufficiently large number to claim respect. But it is not too much to affirm that it does not necessarily possess the same signification that a similarly signed requisition would in this country. Hence, an analysis of the names becomes necessary. And when that is made, the fact grows very apparent that the question has not received an equal share of support from all sections of the people. The educated classes and holders of property have kept aloof; and we suppose, therefore, they do not approve it. Of 3,800 Magistrates in Ireland only ninety are found among the signatories, or less than two and a half per cent. There are 105 Irish members of Parliament, but only twenty-three signed the requisition, and although we have heard that Home Rule had received the especial support of the Catholic Church, only about one-eighth of the priests have come forward with their names. Irish barristers are notoriously ambitious of Parliamentary honors, and they number more than a thousand; but only eight of them have declared for Home Rule. Merchants are not represented in the requisition at all; and careful examination shows that, with the few exceptions named, the signatures have been obtained among small farmers and shop-keepers in a very limited way of business. Such persons have a perfect right to express their opinions; but it is evident that this question has not yet received the indorsement of the active business people, whose stake in the prosperity of Ireland is largest, nor of the landed proprietors and people whose influence in the country is greatest.

We are not disposed, however, to treat the movement as one of but little weight on that account. Looking at the matter in the most favorable light, the conference and the address of the 24,000 requisitionists may be accepted as the beginning of an agitation which may grow in magnitude, and ultimately take in the classes that now seem to have excluded themselves. We do not express an opinion as to whether or not this will be the case. We assume the possibility. At any rate, it is even now certain that the influence already exerted will be felt at the next general election, and that the number of Home Rulers sent to the British Parliament will then be increased.

It is well, therefore, to understand clearly the nature of their demands. Divesting the eight resolutions that were passed at the conference of their loose characteristics, the scheme resolves itself into a form of federal government. Ireland is to have a Parliament of her own, and to exercise control over Irish revenues, but making a contribution to the British Treasury, the present representation of Ireland to the British Parliament being maintained. Therein lies the gist of the entire proposition; and we think we may venture the prediction that neither Mr. BUTT nor any of his followers will live to see anything of the kind receiving the assent of the British Parliament. They made a mistake when they urged their views, as some of them did at the conference, in violent and threatening language; but they made another and greater mistake when they agreed to ask for what assuredly will not be granted. It is easy to see where the persons who drew up the scheme met their difficulty. They were not prepared to separate the Irish from the British revenues, and they did not want to give up their influence in the Imperial Parliament. They were not willing to accept the position of Canada or Australia in the imperial system, and still they want to have the handling of Irish money. Aspiring in their hearts to such a management of local affairs as is accorded to the largest of the colonies, they forgot at the same time that none of the British Colonies contribute one penny to the revenues of the British Government, nor are they represented there. In short, they have foundered on the difficulties presented by taxation on one hand and representation on the other, and do not seem able to devise any means of extricating themselves.

In the present temper of all parties in Great Britain, it is not likely that any proposition from the Irish Home Rulers would be received favorably; but it does seem strange, if Mr. BUTT and his friends are competent to manage national affairs as they profess to be, that they had not the tact or the statesmanship to propose some plan that would have commanded the respect and consideration of opponents, even though it did not insure their support. In proposing an impracticable scheme, it seems to us that Mr. BUTT has not only lost many sympathizers, but very much damaged the cause he had undertaken.

THE LITTLE ITALIAN "SLAVES."

We have published recently a correspondence between an Italian, Signor MORENO, and Senator SUMNER, in relation to the abuse of the little Italian harpers and musicians by their padroni. Mr. SUMNER proposes to obtain a United States law bearing on this evil, but, as we gather from the correspondence, he is not fully informed in regard to the evil, and, as any half-considered legislation upon it would only do mischief, we shall set forth briefly the facts of the case. These have recently been presented to the public, in a remarkably clear and trustworthy form, in the late report of the Children's Aid Society, by a devoted teacher among the little Italians, Signor A. E. CERQUA, recently honored by the Italian Government with the title of Chevalier for his long labors of humanity among the Italian children of New-York under this benevolent society. From this report it appears that the Genoese provinces no longer furnish the large proportion of the padroni and their unfortunate children which they did formerly, the proportion now being sixty-one per cent. from Caserta, twenty-five per cent. from Potenza, and only eight per cent. from Genoa and six per cent. from Piacenza. From the statistics furnished to the Italian Parliament, the number of padroni is given at 343. Allowing 100 per cent. as unknown, the whole number of padroni would be nearly 700. Supposing each to apprentice and take out ten children, there would be a multitude of some 7,000 children of this class scattered over the world. In 1867 the number in Paris, the head-quarters of the nefarious business, was reported by the Police as 1,544. In 1868 and 1869 they were found to be 698 and 431 respectively, owing to the business having been largely transferred to London and New-York.

In the correspondence we have alluded to, this unnatural trade is spoken of as "kidnapping." Unfortunately for the reputation of the Kingdom of Italy, however, it is not so at all; but, until the present year, it has been a legal and permitted traffic. The padrone travels about among the Italian villages, as a peddler does among American villages. Finding a poor family, he offers to apprentice two or more children as harpers or musicians. A legal contract is drawn up, in which he promises to treat the children kindly, even as his own. A small sum is paid the parents at once, and at the end of three years the master is to pay the father about $90, gold, besides giving the boys a new harp and violin of the value of ten ducats—about $8, gold. On the other hand, if the boys take to themselves one cent of their earnings, the padrone can appropriate ten cents from the money he is bound to pay them. If the boys leave the master, or if he ill-treats them, each is subject to a fine of $24, with interest.

There are various minor provisions of the contract, which, in effect, leave the padroni an almost unlimited opportunity of abusing and cheating the unfortunate children. If, in a foreign country, the little harper is beaten and half-starved, he has no redress. If he run away, his family are fined, and it is very difficult for him to prove ill-treatment by the master. Besides, he is usually ignorant of a foreign language, and has no other means of support.

The head-quarters of this wicked trade are, as we have said, Paris. The children brought from Paris are handed over there to a "bureau," which sends them through all civilized countries. One infamous padrone, well known to the Police of Paris and London, named "The Blind," retired recently with a fortune of 200,000 francs obtained from the hard-won earnings of these unfortunate little musicians. The authorities of both France and Great Britain have legislated, or passed Police regulations, to control the traffic, and have probably somewhat caused its partial transference to the United States. The Italian Consul at New-York has presented the strongest statements against this cruel and infamous trade in children. In a report to the Italian Parliament in 1869, the committee speak also in high terms of the efforts of an American benevolent association against this abuse. On the 15th November, 1872, a bill was presented to the Parliament for the suppression of the traffic. On the 19th March, 1873, it was read before the Lower Chamber, and finally passed with amendments.

This act inflicts imprisonment and fines, more or less heavy, on all parents, guardians, or relatives who hire or give a minor under eighteen years to any Italian or foreigner under any title whatever, or on whomsoever takes or has such minors with him for the exercise of all street occupations, such as singing, playing, begging, &c. Similar penalties will be inflicted on all who seduce or force such minors to such occupations. All previous contracts for apprenticeship are abolished under it; and penalties are threatened to all relatives or padroni who shall not give notice of previous contracts for this purpose to the Consuls or other Italian officials. Other provisions, which we have not space to enumerate, will assist in rooting out the traffic. The act was to come before the Italian Senate during November, and we presume has already received the signature of the King, and has become a law, binding on all Italian subjects. If Mr. SUMNER should submit any form of legislation for this country to carry out the Italian law, the best basis would probably be the "Personal Liberty bill," as it was framed in Connecticut by a well-known lawyer, Mr. H. B. HARRISON. This, with a provision to include the padroni in the Extradition Treaty between the Kingdom of Italy and the United States, would probably utterly break up this cruel and infamous trade.

DRINKING-DENS.

The number of stabbing affrays which have lately been reported in drinking-saloons, the resorts of thieves and cut-throats, suggests a condition of affairs which must be considered as uncomplimentary to either the Police or the Excise Commissioners. Not long ago we took occasion to refer to the work of the latter gentlemen in terms of commendation. We were led to believe that they had refused licenses to a great many persons of doubtful reputation, in spite of the fact that the applications of these persons had received no opposition from the Police. It was furthermore asserted that, owing to a rivalry between the two bodies, the result of a disposition on the part of the Excise Commissioners to act independently of Police advice, "it was likely" the latter would be guilty of conniving at the open violation of the Excise law. Cases have been cited to sustain this allegation, but, for some reason or other, the Police Commissioners have not thus far taken the trouble to institute an inquiry. The stabbing affrays in the Fourth and other wards of the City, that are said to have taken place in the drinking-dens of Ex-State Prison convicts, give an importance to this matter which makes it imperative upon the Excise Commissioners that they shall immediately let it be known to the public whether they have issued licenses to such men as JACK PERRY. In this man's saloon, a few days ago, there was a desperate stabbing affray between the members of a "gang" of juvenile thieves, which ended in the fatal-wounding of one of the number. A short time previously it appears that the "gang" had finished a drinking "bout" at the den of a man named FARRELL. In Houston street, in Hudson street, if we are rightly informed, and even in Broadway, there are liquor-saloons opened to the public every day, the proprietors of which, if justice were done, would be at present serving out sentences in the State Prison. It is possible that the Excise Commissioners have not granted licenses to these men, and that they are violating the Excise law by the connivance of the Police. We say it is possible that such may be the case, but we should like, nevertheless, to hear from the Excise Commissioners on the subject.

In the Court of Oyer and Terminer recently, Judge INGRAHAM, in sentencing a boy-murderer to a term in the State Prison, took advantage of the opportunity afforded him to comment on the alarming increase in the number of crimes committed by boys. He attributed it to their being allowed to roam the streets without restraint. To a certain extent Judge INGRAHAM's opinion is correct; we would go still further, however, and say that to the action of liquor-dealers of a certain class is mainly due the increase of crime. They welcome boys to their saloons, and encourage them to spend their earnings in strong drink. It is but a short step from the whisky shop to the Penitentiary. Boys who have not previously shown viciousness have been led into the commission of crime through association with the sons of old criminals in bar-rooms. There is probably no city in the world of equal or greater size that has a larger number of juvenile thieves than New-York. Every ward has its "gang" or "gangs." There are liquor-dealers who will not permit boys to drink in their saloons. If all the licensed dealers were similarly conscientious, boy-criminals would be less numerous. It is possible for the Excise Commissioners to so regulate their conduct in the granting of licenses as to greatly decrease the number of dealers who have no scruples in this respect.

The matter of granting licenses to Ex-State Prison convicts, and to persons who ought to be now in State Prison, is that which chiefly concerns us at present. It is quite natural to assume that liquor-dealers of such a class will have thieves for customers. Admitting so much, it must follow that their "saloons" are dens of thieves. Strangers going into them, will, therefore, stand but a very poor chance of being permitted to leave with their wallets untouched. The responsibility for the existence of these drinking-dens belongs to either the Excise Commissioners or the Police. If with the former, we look for an immediate annulment of the licenses. Licensed thieves' drinking-dens cannot be interfered with by the Police to the extent of warning all strangers about to enter them of the danger they run in so doing. The Police Commissioners owe it to themselves, as well as to the public, that this matter shall be cleared up at once. If any of the Captains of precincts have connived at a violation of the Excise laws, it cannot be known too soon.

AMUSEMENTS.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.

"New Year's Eve" was last evening acted at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. Mr. Marshall's play was in the midst of a prosperous run when the house in which it was performed was destroyed by fire; it was afterward reproduced successfully in the temporary abode of the manager's excellent company; and from the impression wrought by yesterday's recital, there seems to be no reason against the entrance of the work upon a fresh lease of life. Without traversing ground passed over when the earliest recital of "New Year's Eve" warranted publication of its plot, it is not amiss to say once more—and especially as equally meritorious plays are few and far between—that the comedy has numerous points of excellence. It is thoroughly wholesome in tone, its incidents are original and entertaining, and its language is good. It is, in other words, an interesting, an amusing, and an unobjectionable piece. And, as it is recited with much spirit by Mr. Daly's artists, and placed upon the stage with rare liberality and taste, we conclude that "New-Year's Eve" might profitably have many additional hearings. Last night's representation does not need an extended notice. Most of the characters were filled by the performers who "created" them in this City, and Mr. Clarke's picture of the indolent but, at bottom, manly *Lord Arthur Chilton*; Miss Davenport's boyish personation of *Constance Howard*, as well as the efforts of Messrs. Whiting, Davidge, and Fawcett, and Mrs. Gilbert, would hardly be fresh topics either of comment or compliment. The difference between the former distribution of rôles and last evening's consisted in the assignment of *Captain Bragleigh* to Mr. Louis James, who embodied that unsympathetic person most satisfactorily, and in the assumption of *Magdalen Atherley* by Miss Sara Jewett, who, in "New Year's Eve" at all events, has nothing to give grounds for her choice as the successor of Miss Morris beyond a pretty face, a winning manner, and a large wardrobe. Thursday, the same programme is again to be offered. To-night "Alixe" will be done.

SIGNOR SALVINI'S REPRESENTATIONS.

Signor Salvini will this evening act in "Samson." The distinguished artist has not yet appeared in any of his "Biblical dramas," and his labors to-night will on that account have unusual interest. The play, Friday, will be "David Garrick." (*Italics* "Sullivan.")

BRIEF MENTION.

"Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" are to be exhibited at St. Peter's Hall, in West Twentieth street, to-morrow and Friday evenings.... "Blind Tom" gives concerts at Steinway Hall this evening and to-morrow.... The last Philharmonic rehearsal previous to the second concert of the season, on Saturday, occurs Friday afternoon.... The Brooklyn Philharmonic concert may be attended on Dec. 20.

THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

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erals, are completely dominated by the former, a proof in itself that the leaders of the volunteers, and the men themselves, are above the common average of citizens. The most influential among them have formed themselves into a club called the Casino, which has taken the control of affairs into its own hands. This club numbers 4,000 members, and has its head-quarters in Havana, with ramifications all over the country. The fact is, that it is the Jacobin Club of France over again.

Out of evil, however, comes good: and the disasters which have befallen Cuba will be the source of her future prosperity. The introduction of a tide of Spanish blood, strong and energetic, into the island is a providential occurrence—a tide in the affairs of Cuba which will lead her on to fortune. We Americans having, and very justly, a hearty contempt for the mongrel Mexican, are apt to confound the Spaniards with their degenerate descendants. A visit to Havana will disabuse any one of such an idea. One single drive through the streets or near the harbor, will show strong, brawny sons of Anak working as teamsters, or rolling huge puncheons of wine with forcible lunges of their great shoulders, or remonstrating with impenitent mules, shoving them to the right and left with the brawny thews of a negro. Many of these fellows have flat, red caps on their heads, marking them as Biscayans and Catalonians. A padre here told me that nine-tenths of the volunteers came from these two provinces. Since the volunteers have occupied Havana they have certainly instituted many reforms. They have commenced to tear down the old fortifications which encumbered the best part of the city, have enlarged and embellished the park, have laid out boulevards, have paved streets, and have introduced details of city police highly to their credit. They will never return to Spain, but have finally established themselves here. The immigration of such a number of brave, intelligent persons is of incalculable importance to a tropical city like Havana, where the Spanish energy decreases and decreases with each generation until it reaches the acme of Creole laziness and *laissez faire*.

I must say frankly that no one likes to say anything about the volunteers in public. It is not considered safe. As I have said before, it is the Jacobin Club over again, and these volunteers have established a "reign of terror." But it is a mild one, compared with the Commune of Paris, or with the "reign of terror" of the great revolution. Everybody is safe who does not attempt to interfere with Spanish rule *as represented by the volunteers*.

And this brings me to the consideration of that which is in every one's mind. The Casino Club rules Cuba completely and absolutely. The Spanish officials here are powerless. The Captain General is reduced to a mere cipher—a figure-head. If he attempts to do anything he is ordered to resign under threats of assassination. Castelar had great hopes of Pieltain, but he had to go the way of all the rest, and now comes Jovellar, who has assured Castelar that the Spanish home authority shall be respected under him. I do not know what else he has done, but yesterday he issued a proclamation which has an exceedingly weak flavor. It has reference, as I presume, to the reports circulated that the Spanish Government has agreed to restore the Virginius and the remainder of the prisoners. We hear something in the cafés about the Casino, and all the merchants agree in saying that the Casino is furious at the idea. Yesterday they swore that, sooner than restore it to the Americans, they would sink Cuba. To-day they are less furious, and only propose to sink the guilty vessel.

The volunteers have not used their position to make money, whereas they have been joined by Spanish officials for that purpose. If you want the genuine article of corruption, go to the Spanish officials. They keep it constantly on hand. They are universally hated by all the foreign merchants for their cheating and extortions. They have the greedy rapacity of the fabled Harpies; like our deceased foe Tweed, nothing is too little or too great for their cupidity. They make fifty cents out of you, or fifty thousand dollars, with equal rapacity. And, in truth, the volunteers possessed themselves of the supreme power by pandering to this avarice of the Spanish officials whom they despise alike for their weakness and their greed.

I am forced to close now, if I wish to save the mail, and I can only conclude by saying that the angry feeling of the volunteers is believed by good authorities to be subsiding. GAR.

WASHINGTON.

COMMANDER BRAINE'S OFFICIAL REPORT—THE DEFENSES OF SANTIAGO — THE SPANISH WAR VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Commander Braine has made an elaborate survey of the defenses and condition of Santiago de Cuba and other parts of the island. He also gathered much valuable information concerning the character and capacity of the Spanish vessels on the coast, including the gunboats built in the United States. While on an official visit to Santiago de Cuba he gathered all the facts in relation to the capture of the Virginius and the executions which followed, and other matters of interest. This report was forwarded to Rear Admiral Scott, who sent a dispatch to the Secretary of the Navy asking what he should do with it. The Secretary directed him to send the full document by mail, but to telegraph an abstract of its prominent features. This abstract appeared in the morning papers of yesterday.

CABINET MEETING—GEN. SICKLES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Cabinet to-day was not in session more than an hour. All the members were present, excepting the Secretary of War. No new features were presented concerning our relations with Spain. To-night it is said on high authority that everything is believed to be in a fair way of accommodation.

The friends of Gen. Sickles say that he will, on his return to Washington, formally tender his resignation as Minister to Madrid.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Secretary of the Navy was for several hours before the Committee on Appropriations to-day, explaining fully the needs of the navy and its general condition as to efficiency. He was interrogated regarding the question now pending between the United States and Spain, and was free to say he did not think there would be war between the two countries, although it was, in his opinion, necessary to strengthen the navy as the best means of preserving peace and to protect American interests. No action was taken, the matter going over for further consideration.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

ASSIGNMENTS OF NAVAL OFFICERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Acting Assistant Surgeon James Phillips is ordered to the Norfolk Navy-yard, and in connection with the receiving-ship New-Hampshire; Lieut. Commander John R. Bartlett is detached from the Terror, and ordered to resume his duties at the Boston Navy-yard; Lieut. Commander John P. McGlensey, from the Philadelphia Navy-yard, and ordered to the Terror as Executive; Lieut. Commander E. T. Woodward, from the Saugus, and placed on waiting orders; Master Francis H. Delano from the Ashuelot, and placed on waiting orders.

THE IRON-CLADS AT PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Although it was expected that the monitor Terror would leave the Navy-yard yesterday, it is probable now that she will not go away for a week. The understanding is that the Ajax will be commissioned about the 15th inst. The Naval Department is determined to have both iron-clads in a thoroughly proper condition for sea service. Ten 15-inch Rodman guns, intended for the monitors, now in course of completion at Chester and Wilmington, Del., have been sent to those places. A limited number of commissions have been received at Navy Yards and Depots.

THE POWHATAN AND MANHATTAN GOING TO SEA.

LEWES, Del., Dec. 9.—The United States steamer Powhatan, with the monitor Manhattan in tow, went to sea at 11 o'clock this morning.

THE KEARSARGE IN COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A telegram from San Francisco to the Navy Department informs the Secretary that the Kearsarge went into commission at Mare Island yesterday.

THE CUBAN MASS-MEETING.

The General Committee having in charge the arrangements for the mass-meeting at the Cooper Institute on Friday evening next, to discuss the Spanish barbarities practiced in Cuba, will meet at 8 o'clock this evening at the Hoffman House. Elwood Thorne will preside. The report of the committee appointed to draft a memorial to Congress will be received, and a letter from Gov. Dix is expected. Gen. Burnside has signified his intention to be present at the meeting, and will act as one of the Vice Presidents.

THE CUBAN JUNTA.

There was little or no excitement over the present state of affairs in Cuba yesterday at the head-quarters of the Junta. At an early hour there was a full attendance of the leaders, and an early session was held, Gen. Juan Vilhoure presiding. After the session had closed, they left to see some of the members off for Jamaica. The steamer Rita sailed at 2:30 o'clock, from Pier No. 13 North River. The Rita belongs to the Atlas Steamship Line, and calls at Kingston, Savanilla, and Santa Martha. The following Cubans took passage to Kingston, and some of them, it is believed, will go on to Cuba: Gen. J. J. Cisneros, Manuel Sheleta, L. Sheleta, A. Luaces, F. Rivas, Manuel Ramos, A. M. Padilla, Lino Pombo, Manuel Villegas, wife, and family. After the members of Los Amigos de Cuba had seen the steamer leave they returned to headquarters. Señor Arteaga announced that the Treasurer had received a letter from Berlin inclosing an order for $1,000 from the friends of the Cuban Republic there. A long communication was received from Hon. Gerrit Smith dated Peterboro, Dec. 6, favoring a joint intervention in the affairs of Cuba by Great Britain and the United States, for the purpose of freeing the island from the tyrannous yoke of Spain, and abolishing the infamous system of slavery which prevails there, and whose continued existence is a shame and disgrace to the whole civilized world.

THE INDIAN TERRITORY.

THE CONVENTION AT OKMULGEE ADJOURNED TILL MAY, WITHOUT ACTION.

PARSONS, Kan., Dec. 9.—The Okmulgee Indian Territory Constitutional Convention, or Grand Council of Indian Nations, adjourned yesterday until the first Monday in May, without doing anything. It seems to be the intention of the Indians to let matters take their own course, without interference by them. There is a new movement on foot which meets with great favor on the part of the Progressive Party to have Congress organize all that part of the Indian Territory which lies east of the 96th meridian, west longitude, into a territory, make the civilized Indians citizens of the United States, and make that part west of this line a reservation for wild Indians, where the experiment of civilizing could be applied to the new proselytes. The country east of the 96th meridian is about as large as Indiana, and would soon have the requisite population to become a State. This plan, it is understood, meets the approbation of the negro congress, formerly slaves of Indians, who object to such Indian citizenship and desire to become citizens of the United States. A strong appeal in favor of this object has been written by a gentleman well acquainted with Indian affairs, which will soon be published in the Eastern papers.

A BUREAU OF CHARITY.

ASSOCIATION FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE CHARITIES.

The committee of nine appointed by the late Charity Conference to devise some plan for the organization of the benevolent institutions of the City, met last evening to hear the report of a sub-committee consisting of Rev. Dr. John Hall and Mr. Theodore Roosevelt. In the absence of Mr. Roosevelt, the regular presiding officer, Mr. Robert Minturn was appointed Chairman pro tem. Prof. Charles A. Joy, of Columbia College, was elected permanent Secretary. There were present, in addition to the officers above named, Rev. Dr. John Hall, Rev. Robert McGlynn, Mr. Abram W. Sykes, Mr. Isaac M. Stoughton, and Mr. Joseph Seligman.

Rev. Dr. Hall made the following report, which was unanimously approved:

"The objects to be aimed at by this association shall be the following:

1. To obtain authoritative information concerning the objects and resources of the various benevolent societies of the City.

2. To secure a system of registration of the persons receiving aid from the societies, and to arrange for such intercommunication of the records as will prevent imposition.

3. To ascertain whether existing organizations are adapted to meet existing wants, and to suggest new and extinguish unnecessary societies during the Winter, and to report the same to the public.

4. To ascertain and report to the public the most simple methods of testing and verifying applications for aid, and of directing deserving charities to the agency adapted to their respective wants.

5. To ascertain and report to the public the state of the law regarding charitable societies, and also regarding street begging and other forms of imposition."

The report of the committee was fully discussed, and measures were taken for reducing the plan to a practicable shape. As the Committee will have no legal authority to suppress fraudulent associations, they must depend for support upon public opinion. It will be to the interest of all benevolent societies to report at once to the Secretary of the committee, in order that their names may appear in a "Charity Directory," which it is proposed to publish. The committee will meet again next Friday, when it is hoped that a thorough plan for the organization of all the charities of the City under a central bureau will be effected. The task is one of great delicacy and difficulty, but the gentlemen who have it in hand intend to push forward their work until the long-desired object is attained. It is often frequently urged the importance of having a Central Bureau of Charitable Information, and we are glad to see such an institution established in New-York City.

THE COMTE DE CHAMBORD AND HIS FRENCH CROWN.

On Nov. 25 the *Union*, the official journal of the Comte De Chambord, publishes, in prominent type, the following article in its first page:

"We are being constantly questioned again, and we receive daily a great number of letters referring to, a fact which preoccupies public attention to a high degree. We experience no difficulty in giving a public reply. Is it true, it is asked from all parts of the country, that the Comte De Chambord came to France during the progress of recent events? What reply can we give with a certainty that we shall not be contradicted? The pilot remains at his post, as he has always been, and as he always will be. When a Prince such as the august head of the House of Bourbon wrote, 'I am ready—quite ready—to-morrow; this evening, at the present moment,' these were not idle words, and guilty may be placed on the promise of one who is never dece

THE BAR ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAW REPORTING.

A meeting of the Bar Association was held last night in the rooms of the association, No. 20 West Twenty-seventh street. In the absence of the President, the chair was occupied by Edgar S. Van Winkle, Vice President. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The Treasurer's report showed the amount of the general fund to be $6,569 30, and the library fund $792 48; whole amount expended by the association in relation to the Judiciary amendment, $8,511 95, less amount refunded by Citizens' Association, $500; net expense, $8,011 95; whole number of members, 623. The Secretary read a communication from the Citizens' Association, accompanying the sum of $500 remaining after expenses had been paid, which was tendered to the Bar Association in order to partly reimburse them for the expenses incurred by that body in relation to the Judiciary amendment. The contribution was accepted, and the thanks of the association tendered to the donors.

The Committee on Law Reporting submitted their report in which they state that having received letters from Judges, lawyers, and public men from all parts of the State deploring the evils of the present system, and advocating an entire change in the manner of reporting judicial decisions, and having considered the suggestions received and thoroughly examined the system of law reporting adopted by the Board of Law Reporting in Great Britain, they were prepared to recommend a scheme which would, in their judgment, solve all the difficulties of the position.

The report then proceeds as follows:

Your committee have, therefore, prepared a plan based upon that of the English Council of Law Reporting, with such modifications as the judicial system, Constitution, and laws of our State required, and submit the following scheme as capable of effecting the desired object:

1. The reports recommended by this committee shall be placed under the general management and control of a council composed of members to be appointed as follows: Four by the Court of Appeals; one by the Justices of the Supreme Court designated to hold General Terms; six by the Association of the Bar of the City of New-York; the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the Attorney General for the time being shall be *ex-officio* members.

2. The members of Bar associations having the same general objects and of the same general character as that of the City of New-York being formed in the cities of Brooklyn, Albany, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, the said associations may each appoint one member of said council.

3. The members of the council shall act gratuitously. Their terms of office shall be for five years. All vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authorities from respective bodies.

4. Any occasional vacancy in the council by death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by a new appointment by the body which originally appointed the retiring member, and the member so appointed shall retire at the time when the member occasioning the vacancy would, in the ordinary course, have to retire.

5. It is desirable that the council be incorporated by act of the Legislature.

6. The council may have the assistance of a Secretary or executive officer. The payment of his salary, and the office and other expenses of the council shall not exceed together $4,000 per annum.

7. All reports shall be prepared by reporters under the supervision of the council, or an editor, if they see fit to employ one, and the cases to be reported shall be carefully selected upon the principle of rejecting all cases useless as precedents.

8. The reports shall be divided into series, viz.: 1. The Court of Appeals Reports; 2. The Supreme Court Reports; 3. The Superior Court Reports; 4. The Common Pleas Reports; 5. The Surrogate's Court and Miscellaneous Reports, with such subdivisions (if any) of each series, and with such additions of a generally similar character as the council may think desirable.

9. The council shall have power, if they should find it desirable to establish in connection with the permanent reports, a set of daily or weekly reports, and from time to time to prepare such digests or other publications as may be deemed expedient.

10. The staff of reporters and their salaries shall be as follows: One Court of Appeals and Commission of Appeals reporter, $6,000; one assistant for Court of Appeals, $1,500; one assistant for Commission of Appeals, $2,000; one Supreme Court reporter, $4,000; four assistants for the Supreme Court reporter, $1,500 each, $4,000; one reporter for the Superior Court of the City of New-York, Court of Common Pleas of the City of New-York, and Surrogate's Courts, $3,000; one assistant, $1,000. These salaries shall be paid semi-annually. One moiety (hereinafter referred to as the first moiety) shall be paid in all events at the end of the first six months' employment. The other or second moiety shall be paid at the end of a year's employment; and for the second moiety, the reporters and other reporters shall look, in the first instance, to the proceeds of the sales of the reports, and afterward to the guarantee hereinafter mentioned. The members of the Bar shall be requested to unite in a guarantee of such of them (if any) as the council shall consider proper to be augmented, or in constituting a reserve fund to meet future contingencies, or in such other way as the council, in their discretion, shall deem best calculated to improve the system of reporting and for the interest of the Bar.

11. The council shall have power, so far as they may not be fettered by any subsisting engagement, to lessen the subscription price of the reports if found practicable.

30. The council shall prepare and publish annually a financial statement and report of the working of the system.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dated New-York, Dec. 3, 1873.

LEWIS L. DELAFIELD, Chairman,
HENRY NICOLL,
A. P. MAN,
CHAS. M. DA COSTA,
HENRY A. TAILER,
Committee on Law Reporting.

It was moved and carried that the report be accepted and placed on file, and that the committee be tendered the thanks of the association for the manner in which they had discharged their duties.

Mr. Roelker moved that the consideration of the report be made the special order of business for the next meeting, two weeks from thence.

Mr. Glassy moved that Mr. Roelker's motion be suspended, in order to allow of suggestions in relation to the report being made.

This was agreed to, and several verbal suggestions were made.

Mr. Roelker's motion was then put, but was amended by a motion fixing the next night of meeting for Wednesday next, which was carried.

On motion, it was resolved that copies of the report be sent to each of the Judges.

Mr. Nash moved that the committee be directed to prepare drafts of the necessary acts on the subject to be submitted to the Legislature, and report on the same at the special meeting.

Mr. Da Costa, a member of the committee, thought that the duty of drafting acts should be performed by the council, whose creation was provided for in the report. The motion was lost.

The following were elected a committee to nominate candidates for offices for the ensuing year: Francis F. Marbury, Chas. M. Da Costa, Peter B. Olney, Osborne E. Bright, John A. Beall, Julien T. Davies, James Emmott, John L. Cadwalader, and Geo. W. Van Slyck.

Messrs. Bright, Beach, and Davies were elected an Auditing Committee.

A resolution, offered by Mr. Charles Price, condemning the recent nomination for Chief Justice of the United States, on the ground that the candidate did not possess the requisite qualifications, was tabled.

Mr. C. A. Hand proposed a resolution favoring an increase in the salaries of United States Circuit and District Court Judges, and authorizing the committee to take the necessary action in the matter, which was unanimously adopted.

The following new members were elected: Wm. J. Hardy, Jr., No. 78 Nassau street; Oscar S. Straus, No. 41 Wall street; James B. Bullock, No. 39 Nassau street; Isaac S. Sleeper, No. 128 Broadway; Roger M. Sherman, No. 121 Nassau street; Adams P. W. Vanvechten, No. 46 Pine street; Darius G. Crosby, Nos. 93 and 99 Nassau street; Edward S. Clinch, No. 41 Pine street.

The meeting then adjourned.

WINE AND SPIRIT TRADERS' SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Council of the Wine and Spirit Traders' Society was held yesterday, at No. 35 Beaver street, Mr. Charles Bellows presiding. After calling the meeting to order, Mr. Bellows submitted Senator Fenton's "Bill regulating the service in the collection of customs at the various ports of entry in the United States, and the disposition of fines, penalties, and forfeitures incurred under the law relating to customs." After some discussion it was referred to the Committee on Legislation, with instructions to report upon it as soon as they had given the subject due attention. A communication was then read from the New-York Cheap Transportation Company. It contained a scheme for the fixing and regulation of the tariffs. It was referred without discussion to the Committee on Investigation of Complaints. At this point a committee from the Liquor Dealers' Protective Union was introduced. The Chairman, Mr. Herbert, gave a sketch of the organization and object of the union. He said that the union had several propositions to make with regard to reformations benefiting their trade, and wished to know if the society would support a bill for that purpose. It was recommended that the points be set forth in writing, and submitted to the council. Mr. Bellows suggested that the union might join the Wine and Spirit Traders' Association, so that concerted action might be taken by them in this and other subjects of common interest to both. The committee said they would notify their organization of the invitation. On motion it was resolved that future meetings of the council be advertised in the leading morning papers. A report was then read from the House Committee, recommending that the society subscribe for many trade journals in addition to those they already have. The report was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

LARGE FIRE IN CHURCH STREET.

Shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday evening flames were seen issuing from the windows of the fourth floor of the five-story brown-stone front building, No. 139 Church street. The building is one of the regular Church street warehouse style, having a frontage of about forty feet and a depth of seventy-five feet. The fire at first seemed likely to prove a most disastrous one, but by the exertions of the firemen, under Chief Engineer Bates, all danger of an extensive conflagration was averted after two hours' hard work. William Topping & Co., mercantile auctioneers, occupying the first floor, lost on stock $6,000. Messrs. Sulzbacher, Gitterman & Weidelas, importers of fancy German woolen and linen goods, lost $20,000 on stock. Messrs. Elfeldt, Levi & Co., wholesale manufacturers of clothing, lost $10,000 on stock. The building was damaged $10,000. All the losses are fully covered by insurance, but owing to the absence of the owners no detailed statements of the companies which held risks on the premises could be obtained.

AN IMPORTANT BOOK SALE.

An exceedingly important auction sale of books will take place this afternoon, commencing at 4 o'clock, at the sales-room of Messrs. Bangs, Merwin & Co., No. 656 Broadway. The catalogue covers nearly 1,000 lots, and embraces a large variety of elegant and costly books in every branch of literature, and in all styles of binding. Mr. Jamison's works, including *Legends of the Madonna*, and *Sacred and Legendary Art*; eleven volumes on the Junius controversy, bound in half-calf extra; *Jesse's Memoirs*, a copy of *The Bible*, extended to three volumes by the insertion of 368 valuable engravings, after paintings by Raphael; a copy of Hogarth's works, in atlas folio, with descriptive text by Nichols; *Froude's History of England*, in tree calf extra; Thackeray's works, in tree calf extra, gilt edges, &c., &c. It is said that books have generally been bought at very low prices at auction sales thus far this season, and there is a rare chance to replenish libraries, or to lay in a stock of the handsomest books for holiday presents.

A SCENE IN THE CORONER'S OFFICE.

Yesterday, Coroner Kessler created another scene in the Coroner's office. He was holding an inquest in the case of Charles Storant, a little boy three years old, whose death, it was said, resulted from a piece of lunar caustic slipping down his throat. Dr. J. Petzold, of East Fifty-eighth street, was operating on the child at the time. Prof. Jacobi, a high medical authority, testified that the child's death did not necessarily result from the caustic going down his throat. The jury, after an absence of five minutes, rendered a verdict of accidental death. Coroner Kessler refused to receive this verdict, as contrary to evidence. Mr. Hatch, counsel for Dr. Petzold, protested, whereupon Coroner Kessler threatened to commit Mr. Hatch to the Tombs. The jury again retired and returned a verdict that the child died from the accidental dropping of a piece of caustic in its stomach by Dr. Petzold. Dr. Petzold asserted that Coroner Kessler exhibited personal feeling against him, being his professional rival.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED.

George W. Westbrook, who was charged before Commissioner Davenport with having in his possession a number of alleged counterfeit Government plates and bonds, the particulars of which appeared in yesterday's TIMES, was honorably discharged by the Commissioner, having produced a number of letters from Mr. Chase and other Treasury officials, by which it was made apparent that Mr. Westbrook acted under their authority in producing the plates, &c., in question, with a view to the production of bonds that could not be counterfeited. Commissioner Davenport retained the bonds and labels.

JERSEY CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Two weeks ago the Board of Public Works of Jersey City discharged a number of clerks from the public employ, and reduced the salaries of others, for the purpose of cutting down expenses. A question having arisen as to the legality of the reduction of the salaries, Corporation Attorney Lewis submitted an opinion at the meeting of the board held yesterday that the reduction is entirely legal. The board decided to reinstate the discharged employes. The Hoboken authorities having complained that the supply of water from Jersey City is insufficient to meet the demands of the Hoboken people, the board decided to lay a new main between the two cities.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

George Woodman and Thomas Evans, formerly stockholders in the Farm Oil Company, were arrested yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Jarvis upon an order granted by Judge Brady at the suit of Foster W. Mitchell, President of the company, who charges that they, in connection with W. L. Rose, of No. 57 Cedar street, formerly Treasurer of the same company, "used the funds of the company for their private benefit as long as possible without detection." They were held in $2,000 bail. It is stated that an action of a similar nature will be brought against W. R. Ross.

DOMESTIC INFELICITY.

A WIFE-MURDERER SENTENCED—DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE AFTER THE CRIME.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 9.—In the Circuit Court here, this afternoon, Charles A. Stevenson who murdered his wife in this city on the 3d of September, 1873, was sentenced to State Prison for three years. The prisoner had lived a very unhappy life with his wife, who bore a doubtful reputation, and on the fatal day they had a violent quarrel. About 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Mrs. Stevenson was seen to run out of her house with both hands clasped over her breast, and blood gushing from a bullet wound there. She died in fifteen minutes. Immediately after shooting his wife, Stevenson turned the revolver to his own mouth, discharging two shots. These did not kill him, and as the Police entered the house he grasped a razor and slashed his throat across. Altogether his wounds were of the most dreadful character. His jaw was partially shattered, and the whole side of his face was torn open by the bullets; and yet with all his injuries the man lived. When found, he refused to allow his wounds to be dressed, tearing the bandages from his throat, and striking his head against the floor. He was manacled, his wounds dressed, and he was removed to jail, where he recovered, and after a few weeks of nursing he manifested great anxiety to live, and, very naturally, to be acquitted. His trial lasted one week, and attracted great attention. Seventy-eight witnesses were examined, among them Dr. Kempster, Superintendent of the Northern Insane Hospital, and other physicians. The jury this afternoon rendered a verdict of manslaughter in the third degree, the defense being insanity and justifying circumstances. Stevenson is sixty years of age, and deceased was his third wife.

THE UDDERZOOK CASE.

ARGUMENT FOR A NEW TRIAL.

WEST CHESTER, Penn., Dec. 9.—The argument for a new trial in the case of Uddersook came on today. Hon. Wayne McVeagh and Joseph Perdue, the prisoner's counsel, appeared for the motion, and Mr. A. Wagner, District Attorney, against it. Mr. Perdue opened by saying that the first reason filed was that since the verdict important and material evidence had been discovered which was at that time unknown. This evidence was that of witnesses foreign to this court who had failed to attend at the first trial. They were still out of the State, and the difficulty in procuring their attendance still existed, and they would therefore waive this reason. The second reason was that two of the jurymen had expressed their opinions before going on the jury. On this reason evidence was produced to show that Arnold, Nicholls, and Ed. Wilson had expressed opinions. Nicholls, according to the testimony, said that the dead man was Goss, that Uddersook had killed him and he would hang him. He had afterward said he did not think they could hang him. Ed. Wilson said, in answer to a question whether he had formed or expressed an opinion, "he would hang him." Mr. Perdue argued that sufficient evidence was adduced to throw out two jurymen as incompetent. He also spoke at length on other points, which were as to the admission of letters and photographs as evidence, and that the verdict was against the weight of evidence. Mr. Hayes, on the part of the Commonwealth, spoke against the motion, claiming that the evidence did not go to show that the jurors, Nicholls and Wilson, were incapacitated by their declarations before the trial from acting in that capacity; that the court had a perfect legal right to send in documentary evidence and photographs to the jury, and that the identification of the body as that of Goss was fully made out. Mr. McVeagh made the closing argument, which was mainly directed against the competency of these two jurymen. The court then adjourned until 9:30 A. M. to-morrow. It is not known when the decision of the court will be given, but it will probably be to-morrow or the next day at the farthest.

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Dec. 9.—A large audience assembled in the court-room this evening to listen to speeches in favor of the new Constitution. Hon. Garrick M. Harding presided, and the meeting was addressed by Ex-Senator Buckalew, Hon. W. W. Ketcham, C. E. Wright, and H. W. Palmer, the latter two having been members of the convention from this county. The audience expressed great enthusiasm, and the meeting will have a good influence for the Constitution. There is no organized and but very little individual opposition to the Constitution in this county, and the rural districts will vote solidly for it. Nearly 100 members of the Bar of this county have attached their names to a paper signifying their intention of voting for the new Constitution, and recommending all of it to the support of the people of this county.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN MASSACHUSETTS.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—In the municipal election, to-day, the successful candidate for Mayor was Samuel Cobb, Democrat, who was on all the tickets except the straight prohibition, as was also the name of Joseph Smith, for Street Commissioner. There was little opposition to the election of either gentlemen. Several tickets were presented for Aldermen, each showing a fair representation of Republicans and Democrats. Aside from the purely local questions, the citizens generally manifested little interest in the result.

The following is the vote for Mayor: Cobb, 19,191; Cushing, Prohibitionist, 508. The Board of Aldermen elected consists of Messrs. Brooks, Stebbins, Clark, Power, Harris, Hall, Prescott, Bigelow, Emery, Worthington, Peters, Cutter, nine of whom were on the Mechanics' Hall ticket. Four ladies were elected on the School Board: Abbie W. May, Ward 8; Ann Adaline Badger, Ward 9; Lucretia Cruker, Ward 11; Lucia M. Peabody, Ward 14.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 9.—Edward L. Davis, citizen's candidate, was elected Mayor to-day by a majority of 96 over Clark Jillson, Republican nominee. The total vote cast was 6,454.

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 9.—Francis Jewett was almost unanimously re-elected Mayor.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY AND MURDER IN MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A house near Goshen, occupied by R. L. Wood, sixty years of age and a bachelor, and his sister Sarah, was entered at 8 o'clock last evening by two disguised men who demanded money. Miss Wood said, What do you want. Thomas Conklin, a colored man, answered by pistol shots. Miss Wood was wounded. She ran up stairs, raised the window, and rang the bell, which alarmed their neighbor Mr. Wells, who came to their aid. Conklin had shot at Mr. Wood twice, and left before Mr. Wells arrived. Sheriff Weygant, of Goshen, telegraphed to policeman Degraw, of Middletown, to arrest Conklin, which he did today. Conklin had lived in Mr. Wood's family from a boy, and he knew Mr. Wood usually kept money in his house.

THE SMITH INVESTIGATION.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 9.—The investigation into the charges against Commissioner Smith took a new turn to-day. The counsel for William Welch, after having asked and obtained a week to prepare the charges, now declines to prefer them, alleging a want of jurisdiction and power to compel witnesses on the part of the commission. Mr. Welch then appeared for himself by letter, and made eight charges, which will now be investigated. Commissioner Smith challenges a full inquiry and asks to have an Indian Inspector added to the commission, who can compel witnesses.

A LONG STRIKE ENDED.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The long strike at Burden's iron mills in this city, which commenced on the 10th of June last, ended to-day by the men resuming work. The strike was against a foreman, who has been retained, the hands going to work under him. Twelve hundred men now find employment in the works.

HEAVY SNOW ON THE CENTRAL PACIFIC.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 9.—Passengers from the West to-day report very deep snow. On portions of the Central Pacific Railroad, in the Sierra Nevada sections, five engines are required to haul a single train. As yet, however, there has been no delay in connections with the Union Pacific Road at Ogden. Winter has commenced here in terrible earnest. Six feet of snow has fallen in the Wasatch mining cañons.

THE COLORED MEN'S CONVENTION.

BETWEEN TWO AND THREE HUNDRED DELEGATES PRESENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The National Convention of Colored Citizens, which assembled in the hall of the House of Delegates to-day, comprises leading men of the race from all parts of the country. Two or three hundred delegates were present. The call for this convention emanated from the Pennsylvania Equal Rights' League, organized in 1864, and asks of Congress a Civil Rights bill, "with such penalties as will teach humanity to the imbruted and compel the tyrant to loose his hold on the poor, and still forever the assumptions based alone on color." The Philadelphia platform, and that portion of the President's inaugural address relating to civil rights, painted on canvas, were suspended on either side of the platform.

Hon. R. B. Elliott, of South Carolina, was selected as temporary chairman, and a Committee on Credentials was appointed. No further business was done before the recess.

CANADA.

A CONDEMNED MURDERER TO BE RESPITED.

BARRIE, Dec. 9.—Tryon, who is in jail here under sentence to be hanged on the 16th inst., will probably be respited for a brief time to admit of his examination by medical men for the purpose of testing his sanity.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW CABINET ELECTED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 9.—All the members of the new Cabinet have now been elected, and, with one exception, by acclamation.

PROBABLE WRECK.

QUEBEC, Dec. 9.—A large quantity of timber ashore in the neighborhood of Metis is supposed to be from some vessel wrecked near Point des Mots, on the opposite shore. Certain marks indicate the vessel to be the ship Thornhill, which cleared at this port for Liverpool on Nov. 5. Nothing has been heard of the crew.

CANAL FORWARDERS AND THE CLOSED CANALS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The Board of Canal Forwarders of this port, at a meeting on 'Change today, passed resolutions, which were afterward indorsed by the Board of Trade, asking the State authorities to reopen the eastern division of the canal, to enable them to get boats and cargoes through to tide-water. The propeller Scotia, the last vessel due at this port, arrived last night.

STEAM-BOAT SUNK.

BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, Dec. 9.—The steamboat J. S. Lee, belonging to the Rio Grande Railway, struck a snag near Rio Grande City and sunk in twenty minutes. The boat and cargo is reported a total loss. She was bound for Ringgold Barracks with a general cargo and Government stores and supplies for the upper military posts. No lives were lost.

THE PHILADELPHIA CARPET-WEAVERS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the carpet-weavers held this morning, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, As there has been no cause brought before us to change us in the decision arrived at in our last meeting, it is still our determination to resist the reduction offered by our employers.

OBITUARY.

DR. WM. H. ROCKWELL.

Dr. Wm. H. Rockwell, late Superintendent of the Insane Asylum at Brattleboro, Vt., died at that institution on Sunday, Nov. 30, aged seventy-four years. He had held the position of superintendent for a longer period than any other of his contemporaries in this country, having been appointed to the charge of the asylum June 28, 1836. His professional qualifications were of a high order. As a general practitioner he was eminently successful, and his opinions as an expert in courts of law, and in consultation, were always relied upon. No man was better fitted for the charge of the insane than he. With the advantage of several years' experience in this a specialty, as well as general practice, he entered upon the work with the sole object of creating an institution adequate to the wants of the insane of Vermont, and lived to see the realization of his cherished purposes. His position exposed him to criticism and oftentimes to unjust censure; but steadfast in purpose, he was never turned aside or disheartened by unfounded aspersions, whether the result of ignorance or malice, and the grateful appreciation of those who have been his patients attest his kindness of heart and judicious treatment.

CATHOLIC TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY.

The delegates of the 100 societies composing the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America, which united in the grand public demonstration in Cooper Institute on Monday evening, met in St. Joseph's Hall, Sixth avenue, last evening to determine upon definite steps to carry out the resolutions adopted at the public meeting. Representatives from the three great unions of New-York, New-Jersey and Brooklyn, took part. The points agreed upon were: First, To recommend to the national officers the appointment of a resident committee in New-York to conduct emigrant members to proper places free from liquor influence. Secondly, to recommend immediate action to the National Board of Government upon receipt of a report of J. J. O'Mahony, the union envoy to Ireland. Thirdly, the holding of another mass-convention in New-York, and the distribution of the union monthly conducted by the National Secretary, by these societies in all the cities of the country in order to create a public sentiment in favor of the Catholic Total Abstinence Societies in America and Ireland. Fourthly, application to the Board of Emigration to give facilities to Castle Garden for furnishing Catholic temperance documents and directions to members accredited by the Irish bishops, priests, or societies.

THE PASSAIC ACCIDENT.

The inquest over the remains of William F. Barkley and George McLean, who were killed by the falling of the building on Main street, owned by Alfred Speer, was resumed yesterday before Coroner Sprowll, in the town hall at Passaic, N. J. Henry Gerolounm, who was superintending the erection of the building at the time of the accident, testified that, in his opinion, the fall of the building was due to the light timber used in building the lower floors. Demorest Harper testified that he was passing near the building when it fell. Previous to the fall there were no braces supporting the building, as there should have been, and in his opinion that was the cause of the fall. The inquest then adjourned until Thursday.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE NOTES.

The Board of Trade of Buffalo has sent a communication to the Produce Exchange stating that it had telegraphed to the officials at Albany to have the canal reopened immediately, and asking the Exchange to co-operate in the move. A reply was sent that, inasmuch as the North River was closed, any action on their part was quite unnecessary.... The amount realized by the sale of the bale of cotton for the benefit of the Memphis sufferers was $813, which has been forwarded to the Howard Association of that city. Mr. Forrest H. Parker was elected a member of the Board of Managers in the place of Mr. Wm. H. Webb, who resigned on account of his business engagements and the state of his health. Mr. Lyman F. Holman was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Trade in place of Mr. Webb.

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THE WEEKLY TIMES.

The NEW-YORK WEEKLY TIMES, published THIS MORNING, contains, in addition to a large variety of reading matter of general interest, the following:

NOTES OF TRAVEL (in Kansas) by Grace Greenwood.
NEW-YORK'S IRON-ORE BEDS.
NEW-MEXICO AND ITS LEGISLATURE.
THE RAILROAD ACROSS THE ANDES.
PRESENT CONDITION OF JAPAN.
A FRENCH MILLIONAIRE.
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MARRIED.

BENEDICT—CROMWELL.—At the City of Brooklyn, on the 9th day of December, 1873, CHARLES L. BENEDICT to SARAH S. CROMWELL, both of the City of Brooklyn.

CURTIS—VAN WYCK.—On Thursday, Dec. 4, by Rev. Graham Taylor, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. R. Suydam Van Wyck, CHAS. F. CURTIS, M. D., to ELLEN W. VAN WYCK, daughter of the late R. Suydam Van Wyck, Flatbill Plains.

DEMING—WOOD.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1873, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mariners' Harbor, Staten Island, by Rev. Thos. H. Smith, EDWARD DEMING, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to KITTIE, youngest daughter of Walter D. Wood.

GERARD—COOKE.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Wednesday, Dec. 3, by Rev. Charles Sturges, EDWARD L. GERARD, of Yaphank, Long Island, to AGNES L., daughter of Augustus Cooke, Esq., of Williamsburg, Long Island. No cards.

KENNY—CAMPBELL.—On Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Dr. Deems, WILLIAM H. KENNY to ELLA I. CAMPBELL, all of this City.

RING—HUNT.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, at St. Paul's M. E. Church, New-York City, by Rev. Thomas B. Smith, Mr. EUGENE RING to Miss EMMA L. HUNT, daughter of Hon. John T. Hunt, all of Morrisania, N. Y.

DIED.

ARMITAGE.—In this City, on Sunday, Right Rev. WILLIAM E. ARMITAGE, Bishop of Wisconsin, only son of Enoch Armitage, of this City.

Funeral from St. John's Church, Detroit, Mich., on Thursday, at 11 o'clock A. M.

CAVANAGH.—On Sunday, Dec. 7, JANE ANN, wife of Nathaniel Cavanagh, aged 68 years.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on the Thursday, Dec. 11, at 2 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 389 South 2d st., Brooklyn, E. D.

COX.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 7, 1873, CHARLES H. COX, in the 55th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 142 Summit st., Brooklyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 12 o'clock M.

DUNSCOMB.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, ANNA MARIA, wife of Alex. H. Dunscomb, aged 35 years and 11 months.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 258 East 57th st., on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at 11 A. M.

GRAY.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, LAURA HOWELL, wife of John F. S. Gray, M. D.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at Dr. Hall's church, 54th av. and 19th st., on Thursday, 11th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

GOODHUE.—In Brattleboro, Vt., Dec. 5, Mrs. LAURA B., wife of Wells Goodhue, Esq., in the 65th year of her age.

HARTLEY.—On Sunday, the 7th inst., CATHERINE MUNSON, wife of Robert M. Hartley, aged 69 years.

Funeral services at the late residence, No. 147 West 15th st., on Wednesday, at 11 A. M. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

HOBE.—At Tremont, on Sunday evening, 7th inst., CHARLES F. A. HOBE, aged 10 months.

His funeral will take place from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, corner Broome and Elizabeth sts., New-York, on Thursday forenoon, at 10:30 o'clock. His remains will be taken to the Cemetery of the Evergreens, Long Island, for interment.

KENNETT.—At sea, on board the Ville du Havre, Nov. 22, ANITA GLENN, wife of Lieut. Commander J. C. Kennett, United States Navy, and youngest daughter of M. Louisa and the late Alexander Taylor, together with her two children, AGNES and ANITA,

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LEONARD.—At her mother's residence, No. 227 West 31st st., Mrs. ANNIE LEONARD, daughter of George and Elisa Finkenaur, aged 27 years and 3 months.

Her friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the Dutch Reformed Church, corner of 29th st. and 5th av., on Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock A. M.

MOULTON.—At New-Rochelle, N. Y., on Sunday, Dec. 7, of pneumonia, PETER MOULTON, M. D., in the 80th year of his age.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral at the Presbyterian Church, New-Rochelle, on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. Trains of the New-York, New-Haven and Hartford Railroad leave Grand Central Depot at 12 M.; returning, leave New-Rochelle at 2:23 P. M.

PEARSALL.—At Florence, Italy, Nov. 17, MAY, only daughter of the late Robert W. and Elisabeth W. Pearsall, aged 11 years.

ROBERTS.—At the residence of his son, No. 96 East 10th st., on Dec. 9, 1873, Dr. WILLIAM C. ROBERTS, Vice President of the New-York Academy of Medicine, aged 64 years and 3 months.

The relatives and friends of the family, the Fellows of the Academy, and members of the profession generally are invited to attend his funeral, from St. Mark's Church, corner 2d av. and 10th st., on Friday, 12th inst., at 10:30 A. M., without further notice. The remains will be removed to Flushing, Long Island, for interment.

RICHARDSON.—At Stapleton, Staten Island, on Sunday, Dec. 7, Dr. OSCAR S. RICHARDSON, of Richmond, Va.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral from his late residence, on Wednesday, 10th inst., at 1 o'clock.

SKEEN.—In Brooklyn, on Dec. 8, 1873, JOHN, second son of William and Janet Skeen, and grandson of Mrs. Jane St. John, aged 7 years and 2 months.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from the Church of the Reformation, in Gates av., near Franklin av., on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 2 o'clock.

STURGES.—At sea, Oct. 4, on his way from New-York to Valparaiso, Capt. DAVID J. STURGES, of Fairfield, Conn., and master of bark Iron Age.

His remains were buried at sea in latitude 47° south and longitude 80° west.

UNDERHILL.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 7, at his residence, No. 46 East 20th st., ALFRED UNDERHILL, M. D., in the 65th year of his age.

Relatives and friends, members of the Academy of Medicine, and the Medical Society of the County and City of New-York, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at Trinity Chapel, on Thursday morning, Dec. 11, at 11 o'clock. The remains will be taken to the family vault, Trinity Cemetery.

The members of the New-York Academy of Medicine, the Medical Society of the County of New-York, and the Medical Library and Journal Association are requested to meet at Trinity Chapel, on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 10:45 A. M., to attend the funeral of their late fellow and member, ALFRED UNDERHILL, M. D. By order,

AUSTIN FLINT, M. D.,
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JOHN C. PETERS, M. D., President.

WARD.—On Monday, 8th inst., RICHARD RAY WARD, aged 78 years and 21 days.

His relatives and friends and the friends of his nephews, William G., Charles H., and John Ward, are respectfully requested to attend the funeral, at his late residence, No. 9 Bond st., on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 11 o'clock A. M.

WRIGHT.—At Rock Island Arsenal, on Friday, Dec. 5, MARY L., wife of Lieut. R. M. Wright, United States Army, and daughter of Joseph Kretchmar, in the 26th year of her age.

The funeral will take place from the residence of her father, in Stamford, Conn., on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 11 A. M. Trains leave Grand Central Depot at 9 A. M.

WRIGHT.—On Monday, Dec. 8, of scarlet fever, ALBERT W., son of Nelson Wright, of Newark, N. J.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of Mrs. Lovell, on Thursday, the 11th inst., at 12:30 P. M. Train by Erie Railroad leaves Chambers st. at 11:30 A. M.

WHEATLEY.—On Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the residence of Robert S. Colgate, Riverside, on the Hudson, REBECCA B. WHEATLEY, for more than thirty years a faithful servant and friend in the family.

WOOD.—On Monday night, 8th inst., GERTRUDE WOOD, widow of Ezall Wood, in the 85th year of her age.

The friends and relatives of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at the Reformed Church, Fort Richmond, Staten Island, on Thursday, 11th inst., at 10 A. M. The boat leaves Pier No. 19 Hudson River, between Day and Cortlandt sts., at 9:45 A. M.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NOTICE.

We beg to call the attention of the trade and the public to the decision rendered on the 5th inst., in the Court of Common Pleas of the State of New-York, against A. Werner, perpetually enjoining him from manufacturing, keeping, or selling any Champagne with a label similar to or in imitation of that of the well-known PIPER HEIDSIECK CHAMPAGNE, for which we are sole agents in the United States and Canada, and we beg to give notice that we shall continue to prosecute with all the rigor the law permits any infringement of our labels and trade marks, as well of Piper Heidsieck Champagne as of Martell Brandy.

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Jamestown and second class, 7 P. M.

For Newark at 6, 8:30, 7:20, 7:40, 9:00, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3:00, 3:10, 3:40, 4:00, 5, 6:20, 6:40, 8, 9:10, 9:30, 10:40, 11:30 P. M. Sunday, 8:30, 9:00, 9:40, 6:10, 8:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 6:30, 8:10, 7:30, and 8:10 P. M.

For Elizabeth, 8, 8:30, 7:20, 7:40, 8:00, 9, 10, 11 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3:00, 3:10, 3:40, 4:00, 5, 6:20, 6:40, 8, 9:10, 9:30, 10:40, 11:30 P. M. Sunday, 8:30, 9:00, 9:40, 6:10, 8:30, 7, 7:30, 8:10, 10, 11:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 6:30, 8:10, 7:30, and 8:10 P. M.

For Railway, 6, 8:30, 7:20, 8:00, 10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2, 3:30, 5:10, 5:40, 6:10, 6:30, 8:00, 9:30, 10:40, 11:30, 11:55 P. M. Sunday, 8:30, 9:00, 6:10, and 7:30 P. M.

For Woodbridge and Perth Amboy, 6 and 10 A. M., 3:30, 4:10, and 6 P. M.

For New-Brunswick, 7:20 and 8:00 A. M., 12 M., 2, 3:10, 4:30, 5:30, 6:10, 7:30 P. M., and 12 night. Sunday, 6:10 and 7:30 P. M.

For East Millstone, 8:00 A. M., 12 noon, and 4:30 P. M.

For Somerville and Flemington, 9:30 A. M. and 6 P. M.

For Phillipsburg and Belvidere, 8 and 4 P. M.

Accommodation, for Bordentown, Burlington, and Camden, 7:20 and 9:30 A. M., 12:30, 2, 3:10, 4, and 6:10 P. M.

For Freehold, 7:20 A. M., 2 and 4 P. M.

For Jamesburg, Pemberton, Camden, 6 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

Trains arrive as follows: From Pittsburg, 6:50 A. M., 12:45, 3:55, 7:35 P. M., and 12 night. Daily except Monday. From Washington and Baltimore, 3:05 and 6:40 A. M., 5:15 and 10:27 P. M. Sunday, 6:05, 6:40 A. M., and 10:27 P. M. From Philadelphia, 5:22, 6:05, 6:40, 8:50, 10:15, 11:55 A. M., 2:15, 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:07 P. M. Sunday, 5:22, 6:05, 6:40, 8:50, 11:55, A. M. and 10:27 P. M.

Ticket-offices, Nos. 526, 435, 271, and 944 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Desbrosses and Cortlandt sts. Emigrant ticket-office, No. 8 Battery place.

A. J. CASSATT, General Manager. D. M. BOYD, Jr., General Passenger Agent.

CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.

ALLENTOWN LINE TO THE WEST.

Passenger and Freight Station in New-York, foot of Liberty st. Connects at Somerville, with South Branch Railroad; at Hampton Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad; at Phillipsburg with Lehigh and Susquehanna Division; also with Lehigh Valley Railroad. Direct line to Harrisburg, Pittsburg, and the West; also to Central Pennsylvania and New York State.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Commencing Dec. 1, 1873.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:15 A. M.—News Train for Easton, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, and Mahanoy City.

7 A. M.—Way Train for Plainfield.

7 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington, Easton, Belvidere, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, Mahanoy City, Mount Carmel, Hazleton, Tunkhannock, Towanda, Waverly, &c. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9 A. M.—Morning Express daily, (except Sundays) for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Somerville for Flemington, at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Towanda, Waverly, &c., with through cars to Danville, Williamsport, &c.

12:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville.

12:40 P. M.—Express for Flemington, Easton, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:30 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Belvidere.

3:30 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

4 P. M.—Way train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way train for Somerville and Flemington.

5 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

5:15 P. M.—Way train for Plainfield.

5:30 P. M.—Evening Express daily, for Easton, Belvidere, Allentown, Reading, Harrisburg, Pittsburg, Chicago, &c.

6 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

6:40 P. M.—Way train for Easton.

7:30 P. M.—[Emigrant]—For Easton.

9:15 P. M.—Way train for Somerville.

11:45 P. M.—For Plainfield.

For Rinkhill, 6:40 A. M., 2:15, 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:07 P. M. Sunday, 6:40 A. M., 5:15, 6:05, 8:44, 10:07 P. M.

For Somerville, 6:40 A. M., 12:40, 2:30, 5:15, 6:05, 8:30, 9:15, 11:45 P. M. Sunday, 6:40, 8:30 A. M., 5:15, 6:05, 8:30, 9:15, 11:45 P. M.

For Plainfield, 6:40 A. M., 2:30, 5:15, 6:05, 8:30, 9:15, 11:45 P. M. Sunday, 6:40, 8:30 A. M., 5:15, 6:05, 8:30, 9:15, 11:45 P. M.

Ticket-offices, No. 526 Broadway, No. 1 Astor House, and foot of Liberty st.

R. H. HICKS, Superintendent and Engineer.

M. P. BALDWIN, General Passenger Agent.

RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK, NEWHAVEN AND HARTFORD RAILROAD.
NEW-YORK AND NEW-HAVEN DIVISION.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.
COMMENCING NOV. 17, 1873.

Passenger Station in New-York, Grand Central Depot, Entrance on 42d st.

TRAINS LEAVE NEW-YORK.

Trains for New-Haven leave as follows: 7:05, (accommodation,) 8:05, (express,) 9:05, (accommodation,) 10 A. M., (express,) 12 N., (accommodation,) 1, (express,) 3, (express,) 3:05, (accommodation,) 4:35, and 5:10, (local express,) 6:10, (express,) and 6:15, (express,) P. M.

For South Norwalk 7:05, 8:05, 9:05 A. M., 12 M., 1, (express,) 3, 3:05, 4:35, 5:10, 6:35, 8:10, 9:10 P. M. For Stamford 7:10, 8:05, 9:05, 10:10 A. M., 12 M., 1, 2:23 and 3, (express,) 3:55, 4:35, 4,45, 5:10, 5:40, 6:35, 7:20, 8:10, 9:10 P. M.

For Port Chester 11:40 P. M.

Boston Express, via Springfield, at 8:05 and 10 A. M., 3 and 8:10 P. M., via Shore Line, at 1 and 9:10 P. M. The 8:05 A. M., 1, 3, and 8:10, and 9:10 P. M., stopping at Stamford, Norwalk, and Bridgeport. The 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M. connects with trains on Shore Line Division for Norwich and Providence, and the Connecticut Valley at Saybrook. The 8:05 A. M. and 3 P. M. connect with New-Haven and Northampton Railroad at New-Haven; 8:05, 10 A. M., and 12 noon trains connect with Connecticut Valley Railroad at Springfield, and 3 P. M. for Montreal. The 8:05 A. M., 1, and 3 P. M. connects with Naugatuck Railroad, and the 8:05 A. M., 3 P. M. with Housatonic Railroad at Bridgeport. The 8:05 and 9:05 A. M., and 3 and 8:10 P. M. with Danbury and Norwalk at South Norwalk, and the 8:05 A. M., 1, and 5:10 P. M. with New-Canaan Railroad at Stamford.

Sunday Boston mail trains at 7 P. M., via Springfield at 9:10 P. M., via Providence at 9 P. M.

Drawing-room cars on day express and sleeping cars on night express trains.

Tickets can be purchased at ticket offices of company at Grand Central Depot, or at offices of New-York Transfer Company, No. 944 Broadway, and Windsor House, New-York, and No. 1 Court st., Brooklyn, who will also check baggage from residence to destination.

For further information of particulars see posters at hotels and depot.

JOHN T. MOODY,
Superintendent of New-York Division.

E. M. REED, General Superintendent, New-Haven.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL AND HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.—After Nov. 2, 1873, through trains will leave Grand Central Depot:

8:00 A. M., Chicago and Northern Express, with drawing-room cars through to Rochester and St. Albans.

10:30 A. M., special Chicago Express, with drawing-room cars to Rochester, Buffalo, &c.

10:45 A. M., Northern and Western Express.

3:40 P. M., Albany and Troy Express, Saturday only.

4:00 P. M., Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from New-York to St. Albans.

6:00 P. M., Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Watertown and Canandaigua.

8:00 P. M., Pacific Express, daily, with sleeping cars for Rochester, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls; also for Chicago, via both L. S. and M. C. Railroads.

11:00 P. M., Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany. Way trains as per Local Time Table.

C. H. KENDRICK, General Passenger Agent.

SOUTH-SIDE RAILROAD.

NOTICE.

On and after Dec. 1, 1873, trains will leave South 8th st., Brooklyn, as follows, Sundays excepted:

For Patchogue, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M. and 4 P. M.

For Islip, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4 and 6 P. M.

For Babylon, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

For Merrick, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 1:30, 5, 6, and 7 P. M.

For Hempstead, Hookaway, and intermediate stations, at 9:30 A. M., and 4, 5, and 6 P. M.

Sunday trains leave Bushwick for Islip at 9 A. M.

GEO. F. CARMAN, Superintendent.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that on the 9th day of December, A. D. 1873, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of the JOURNEYMEN PRINTERS' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on its own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to it, or for its use, and the transfer of any property by it are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to examine its debts, and to choose one or more assignees of its estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, No. 329 Broadway, in the City of New-York, Room No. 6, before Isaac Dayton, Register, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M.

OLIVER FISKE, United States Marshal,
as Messenger, Southern District of New-York.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of MATTHEW GIBLIN, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Matthew Giblin, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt to him or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, No. 329 Broadway, in the City of New-York, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M.

OLIVER FISKE, United States Marshal,
as Messenger, Southern District of New-York.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ADONIRAM J. DECKER, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said Court against the estate of Adoniram J. Decker of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt to him or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 4 Warren street, in the City of New-York, on the 24th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 22d day of December, A. D. 1873, at 11 o'clock A. M.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of SAMUEL ROSENBAUM, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Samuel Rosenbaum, of the City of New-York, in said district, on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, No. 329 Broadway, in the City of New-York, Room No. 6, in said district, on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Isaac Dayton, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy, of said court.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of HASCAL ROSENBAUM, LOUIS COLLET, HERMAN ALEXANDER, and JACOB PETERSON, bankrupts.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of Hascal Rosenbaum, Louis Collet, Herman Alexander, and Jacob Peterson, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged bankrupts upon the petition of their creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupts, to them or to their use, and the transfer of any property by them are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupts, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of their estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 152 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Henry Wilder Allen, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court, on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Henry Wilder Allen, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN H. PITCH, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of John H. Pitch, of the County of New-York, of the State of New-York, in said district, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 7 Beekman street, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1873, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Edgar Ketchum, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JAMES F. DWIGHT, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—A warrant in bankruptcy has been issued by said court against the estate of James F. Dwight, of the City of New-York, in said district, adjudged a bankrupt upon the petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt to him or to his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 4 Warren street, in the City of New-York, in said district, on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1873, at 12 o'clock M., at the office of Henry Wilder Allen, Esq., one of the Registers in Bankruptcy of said court.

OLIVER FISKE, Marshal—Messenger.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JAMES HOWLAND and CHARLES C. WHITE and STEPHEN G. WHITMORE, bankrupts.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court by Stephen G. Whitmore, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 5th day of January, 1874, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of Henry Wilder Allen, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy for the City of New-York, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest, may attend and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.—Dated New-York, on the 8th day of December, 1873.

CHANDLER & SMITH, Attorneys for petitioner, No. 56 Wall street. d10-law3w*

IN BANKRUPTCY.—UNITED STATES DISTRICT Court, Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of ELIAS HOTCHKISS, bankrupt.—This is to give notice, that on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1873, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Elias Hotchkiss, of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 329 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Isaac Dayton, Register, on the 22d day of December, A. D. 1873, at 11 o'clock A. M.

OLIVER FISKE,
United States Marshal,
Southern District of New-York.

IN BANKRUPTCY.—IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the United States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of THOMAS FERRIER, bankrupt.—Notice is hereby given, that a petition has been filed in said Court, by Thomas Ferrier, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts, and other claims provable under said act, and that the 2d day of January, 1874, at 11 o'clock A. M., at the office of Ralph T. Williams, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 4 Warren street, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.—Dated New-York, on the 9th day of December, 1873. GEO. P. BETTS, Clerk.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED States for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of JOHN McCAUSLAND, Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—Before Robert Whitaker, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of John McCausland, of the City of Kingston, in the County of Ulster and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his creditors' petition by the District Court of said District. Dated the City of Kingston, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1873.

d10-law3w* HIRAM SCHOONMAKER, Assignee.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

ADVERTISEMENTS ARE RECEIVED FOR THE NEW-YORK TIMES
At the Times Up-Town Office,
No. 544 West 23d st., junction Broadway and 9th av.,
And the Times West-Side Office,
No. 308 West 22d st., corner of 8th av.
NO EXTRA CHARGE WHATEVER.

HORSE BLANKETS AND CARRIAGE ROBES, SLEIGH BELLS.—A LARGE ASSORTMENT IN ALL GRADES WILL BE FOUND AT
HARMER, HAYS & CO.'S, No. 72 Spring st.

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A PARTY UNEXPECTEDLY VACATING, OFfer their rooms, a suite on third floor, with superior board, at a moderate price; references given and required. Apply at No. 53 East 22d st., or of H. V., No. 325 Pearl st., New-York.

A PRIVATE FAMILY IN MONTCLAIR, N. J., would like to take a gentleman and wife or two single gentlemen to board; terms moderate; location pleasant and handy to the depot. Address EDINGTON, Box No. 112 *Times* Office.

A HANDSOMELY FURNISHED SECOND floor; also fourth floor rooms; table first-class; references. Apply at No. 160 West 46th st., near Broadway cars.

NO. 7 WEST 29TH ST.

Two large rooms with ample closets on second floor; one large room on third floor; all sunny exposure; private table if desired. References.

THIRTY-FOURTH ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6th ave.—Second floor to let, with private table and attendance; also rooms in other locations. Apply to R. A. DAILEY, Everett Library, No. 588 6th av.

A SECOND-STORY LARGE FRONT ROOM, nicely furnished, with or without adjoining hall room, to let; also, a hall room at $3 per week; house quiet; near Broadway. Call at No. 45 Bond st.

NO. 12 GRAMERCY PARK,

East 20th st., a suite of front rooms on third floor, with board, for a first-class party; house extra size; locality unexceptionable.

NO. 36 EAST 21ST ST.—A PARTY DESIRING superior accommodations, willing to pay a fair price for liberal table, can find every requisite for a refined home; references.

TO LET—FURNISHED, WITHOUT BOARD, A SITting-room and three bedrooms on third floor, convenient to stages, cars, and restaurants. No. 27 East 9th st., corner University place.

FIFTH AV., NO. 307.—ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR of five rooms and bath-room to let, with board; private table if desired; house, appointments and references unexceptionable.

TO LET, WITH PRIVATE TABLE—A LARGE PARlor floor; ample closets; private bath-room; rooms for gentlemen, without board. No. 32 East 20th st., near Broadway.

AN ELEGANT PARLOR, CHARMINGLY FURnished, between 6th av. and Broadway, above 40th st., will be rented to dentist, physician, or other. Address L. A. R., *Times* Up-town Office, 541, West 23d st.

THREE LOVELY ROOMS, SECOND FLOOR above parlor, fire and light in each, to let, with or without board, (early dinner,) to gentlemen or family; references required. No. 147 West 45th st.

PARLOR AND BED-ROOM AND SINGLE room, newly furnished, in private family, to let to gentlemen, without board, at No. 37 East 19th st., between 4th av. and Broadway.

FIFTH AV., NO. 351, SECOND DOOR BELOW 34th st.—Fine suite of rooms, with or without private table; also fourth-floor front rooms; references exchanged.

NO. 64 WEST 36TH ST.,

between 5th and 6th ave. Elegantly-furnished parlor floor and several third-story rooms; gentlemen board and accommodations; very reasonable price.

THIRTY-FIRST ST., BETWEEN 5TH AND 6th ave.—Transient or permanent accommodations to parties desiring board. Apply to R. A. DAILEY, No. 588 6th av.

NO. 36 IRVING PLACE, OPPOSITE THE WESTminster Hotel.—Elegantly-furnished rooms to let, without board, to gentlemen of highest respectability only.

FIFTH AV., NO. 285.—EXCELLENT APARTments, en suite, private table and attendance; only by season or year; moderate prices; references.

NO. 33 WEST 33D ST.—SPACIOUS SECOND floor, en suite or separately, with private table or board; also family and single rooms on third floor.

NO. 105 WEST 28TH ST.—ENGLISH FAMILY desires to let their second floor and one room on third floor, furnished, together or separate, with board.

NO. 6 EAST 34TH ST.—AN ELEGANT SUITE of rooms, with board. Private table, if desired. References given and required.

NO. 9 WEST 28TH ST., BETWEEN GILSEY HOUSE AND 5TH AV.—To let, with board, elegant rooms, en suite or single; transient boarders taken.

NO. 36 WEST 38TH ST.,

One large room, handsomely furnished, to let, with board.

NO. 28 WEST 31ST ST.

Two rooms and one half room to let, with board, handsomely furnished.

NO. 143 EAST 39TH ST., NEAR LEXINGTON av.—Comfortably furnished rooms, Southern exposure, with excellent table.

NO. 136 MADISON AV.

A suite of eleg

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR 1879.—OTHER OFFICERS ELECTED.

Pursuant to the call of the Republican Central Committee of 1878, primaries were held last evening by the several Assembly district associations to elect delegates to compose the new Central Committee for 1879 and officers for the ensuing year. The following are the names of those elected:

First Assembly District.—President, Charles A. Stetson, Jr.; First Vice President, Henry V. Crawford; Second Vice President, George W. Murray; Treasurer, Edward Oelsner; Secretary, Samuel Steele; Inspectors of Election, John Glynn, Joseph C. Scully; Members of General Committee, Michael W. Burns, John G. Keenan, Ira Whitman, John Robinson, Charles Kraemer, George B. Purvis; Sergeant at Arms, Sergeant Andrews.

Second Assembly District.—President, Denis Shea; Vice Presidents, Patrick Hill, Henry Detker; Secretary, Thomas Brown; Treasurer, George Lindley; Sergeant at Arms, Michael Foley; Delegates to Central Committee, Alexander S. Van Wyck, William F. Porter; Inspectors of Election, John Sullivan, Joseph Flood.

Third Assembly District.—President, Thomas F. Geary; First Vice President, Francis Donnellan; Second Vice President, James Fleming; Treasurer, John Fanning; Secretary, Richard R. McGuire; Delegates to Central Committee—David O. McKelvey, James L. Costello, Peter F. Mapes; Inspectors of Election, John Martin, Thomas H. Bailey; Sergeant at Arms, James McManus.

Fourth Assembly District.—President, E. H. Newins; First Vice President, Cornelius Law, George W. Wood; Secretary, Daniel Quinn; Treasurer, Archibald Bennett; Delegates to Central Committee, C. H. Brackett, John E. Dowley, D. H. Crowley, Lawrence O'Brien; Inspectors, Gerard Hallock, Nicholas Kent; Sergeant at Arms, John Cummings.

Fifth Assembly District.—President, Austin Leake; First Vice President, Edwin N. Lawrence; Second Vice President, John Forshay; Secretary, Edward Hallock; Treasurer, James Winterbottom; Inspectors of Election, Anthony Yeomans, William D. Corneen; Delegates to General Committee, Dr. Stephen G. Clock, Joseph K. Sutton, Edwin N. Lawrence, Ingust Schmidt, William Vanderhoof, Charles H. Housley, Henry H. Von Dreele, James H. Lewis, William C. Hanna; Sergeant at Arms, Patrick Gilligan.

Sixth Assembly District.—President, Daniel F. Crowley; First Vice President, John R. Gibson; Second Vice President, Peter Dorcey; Secretary, Thomas C. Place; Treasurer, David D. Swart; Delegates to the Central Committee, John Cummins, Thomas Lennion, Thomas Fitzsimmons, John Stebbing, John Collins; Inspectors of Election, Bernard W. Brady, Jeremiah Crowley; Sergeant at Arms, Matthew V. Raney.

Seventh Assembly District.—President, Cornelius Van Cott; First Vice President, John H. Derr; Second Vice President, George McKay; Secretary, William Terhune; Treasurer, Gen. F. H. Jones; Sergeant at Arms, Thomas Wilhelm; Inspectors, John H. Allen, Gabriel Van Cott; Delegates to Committee, John D. Lawson, Edward Buss, Jacob H. Gumble, Henry C. Overin, George W. Clarke, Joseph Wallace, William Mertein, Francis F. Resch, George W. Pread.

Eighth Assembly District.—President, Solon B. Smith; Vice Presidents, John Meegan, Conrad Gelb; Treasurer, Edward Lewis; Secretary, Joseph McCabe; Inspectors of Election, John J. O'Brien, Michael Neville; Sergeant at Arms, Michael Lewis; Delegates to the Central Committee, Solon B. Smith, Samuel A. Roberts, Matthew Davis, Charles W. Verry, John R. Lanthier, Carl Gellman, George J. Kraus, John Bushfield, John Lee.

Ninth Assembly District.—President, Robert E. Carpenter; First Vice President, Nathaniel Appleton; Second Vice President, Jesse Travis; Secretary, George W. Luckey; Treasurer, H. Howard Cargill; Doorkeeper, John Campbell; Inspectors of Election, Nelson D. Thayer, Charles A. Benedict; Delegates to Central Committee, George B. Deane, James Cumming, Jas. Lynch, Edward Taylor, Richard J. Dollard, George W. Parker, John M. Costa, Herman M. Mayer, Gilbert Jackson, Wm. E. Noble, Livingston H. Cargill, Jacob E. Riley.

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Twelfth Assembly District.—President, George H. Corpell; First Vice President, Louis Schraidt; Second Vice President, John Lafferty; Secretary, C. McColly; Treasurer, John Jones; Delegates to John Central Committee, John Hart, Archibald Watts, Henry Keeland, James T. McGuire, Martin Rothschild, R. H. Willis; Inspectors of Elections, C. H. Southworth, Jos. Archbold; Sergeant at Arms, Edward Brennan.

Thirteenth Assembly District.—President, Charles Bladen; First Vice President, John W. Marshall; Second Vice President, Alexander McFarland; Secretary, Carson J. Archibald; Treasurer, Robert C. Armstrong. Delegates to Central Committee, Charles E. Spencer, Hugh Gardner, Samuel B. H. Vance, John A. Meek, Wm. Schlegel, George M. Gardner, John D. McLean, Joseph McFarland, W. P. Allerton, Philip Zeh; Inspectors of Election, Samuel Reynolds, Samuel Barclay; Sergeant at Arms, Frank Brady.

Fourteenth Assembly District.—President, John H. Brady; Vice Presidents, James W. Hawes, and Carl Schwedler; Treasurer, Wm. King; Secretary, Thomas W. Robertson; Delegates to Central Committee, Robert B. Boyd, Hiram Merritt, Jos. C. Pinckney, Frederick C. Wagner; Inspectors of Election, Jos. C. Pinckney, Robert B. Boyd; Sergeant at Arms, Thos. J. Casey.

Fifteenth Assembly District.—President, Wm. S. Murray; First Vice President, Thos. Stewart; Second Vice President, Jacob Beckenstein; Secretary, Wm. B. Avery; Treasurer, Wm. M. Montgomery; Inspectors of Election, Joseph L. Mook, Wm. Zulich; Sergeant at Arms, Wm. H. Rusa; Delegates to Central Committee, Howard A. Whitlock, John Dolan, Alex. Carruth, Jr., George Hattrick, Martin L. Rouse, David S. Baker, Adolphus Hadstadt, John G. Jenny.

Sixteenth Assembly District.—President, William Henry Hurlbert; First Vice President, Michael Cregan; Second Vice President, John D. Ottiwell; Secretary, Alfred S. Hughes; Treasurer, John N. Hamilton; Sergeant at Arms, Thomas M. Nugent; Inspectors of Election, Thomas Little; Delegates to the Central Committee, William Laimbeer, Frank R. Bowe, Wm. M. Haggerty, Isaac B. Gonover, Elias E. Disney, Charles K. Hyde, G. Joseph Ruch.

Seventeenth Assembly District.—President, Joel W. Mason; First Vice President, Wm. F. Graff; Second Vice President, J. W. Bockbarn; Secretary, Geo. W. Cregier; Treasurer, J. Bradford; Delegates to Central Committee, Peter J. Dooley, Edward C. Jenkins, Joel W. Mason, Jacob Bauer, C. A. Flammer, W. V. Leggett, Wm. J. O. Brown, H. Helmrich, C. A. Whittemore, Henry B. Smith, Jacob S. Isaacs, E. C. Wilson; Inspectors of Election, Samuel H. Hay, Wm. H. Ross; Sergeant at Arms, Wm. Angel.

Eighteenth Assembly District.—President, Henry E. Howland; First Vice President, Thomas B. Odell; Second Vice President, Wm. O. MacQuade; Secretary, Jos. C. Biglin; Treasurer, A. M. C. Smith, Jr.; Inspectors of Election, James R. Cosgrove, Samuel W. Swayse; Sergeant at Arms, Patrick W. Barry; Delegates to Central Committee, Chester A. Arthur, Thomas Murphy, O. P. C. Billings, D. D. T. Marshall, Edmund Stephenson, Spencer Kirby, Albon P. Man, Thomas B. Asten, Horace M. Eaglen.

Nineteenth Assembly District.—President, Chas. F. Brunder; First Vice President, Wm. H. Ballamy; Second Vice President, Jonathan E. Undlipp; Treasurer, John L. Tonnell; Secretary, Wm. H. Wreting; Delegates to Central Committee, Samuel Hunt, Samuel Potter, Daniel J. Cisarco, Richard H. Greene; Inspectors of Election, Henry A. Linden and Joseph Stilger; Sergeant at Arms, Henry Lang.

Twentieth Assembly District.—President, Walter S. Pinckney; First Vice President, Wm. H. Babcock; Second Vice President, Charles H. Wilson; Secretary, Albert Bogart; Treasurer, D. W. Lee; Delegates to General Committee, George Ogdyke, John E. Russell, A. J. Demarest, Alexander Blumenstiel, James Owen, William A. Darling, Salem H. Wales, James S. Davis, Thomas Freeborn, Willard Bullard, Herman Canter; Inspectors of Election, Thos. Scanlon, Lawrence A. Gray; Sergeant at Arms, Michael Flynn.

Twenty-first Assembly District.—President, Wm. Haw, Jr.; Vice Presidents, Simon Seward, Col. Edward Murray; Secretary, Benjamin Page; Treasurer, James M. Cheesman; Delegates to General Committee, Nelson Mott; Delegates to Central Committee, Wm. F. Haasdon, Wm. Starritt, Nelson Crawford, Stephen S. Doty, Keim B. Gowing, Isaac N. Martin, Benj. Bayes, Edward T. Reeve, Isaac T. Reeve, Daniel McDonald, Samuel Wallace, Henry Kaler; Sergeant at Arms, Robert M. Campbell.

THE VILLE DU HAVRE DISASTER.

The telegraphic dispatch from London, published in Monday's papers, which contained statements purporting to have emanated from the Captain of the Loch Earn, charging Capt. Surmont and the crew of the Ville du Havre with cowardice on the occasion of the recent disastrous collision created so much excitement that Mr. George Mackenzie, the agent of the French line, communicated on the subject by cable with the Directors of the company in Paris. Mr. Mackenzie yesterday received the following dispatch from Mr. Goyeiche, the Chief Director of the General Transatlantic Company.

"The report of the crew of the Loch Earn is absolutely false. The steamer manœuvred correctly. The officers and crew fully and nobly discharged all their duties, Capt. Surmont especially. The Loch Earn only was in fault. We will send the report and testimony of the witnesses."

The reference to testimony would seem to indicate that the statements of the dispatch are based on a semi-official investigation. The document will arrive by mail. The Loch Earn, whose crew arrived in Plymouth on Sunday, was a ship-rigged iron vessel of 1,900 tons register. She was owned by Aitken, Lilburn & Co., of Glasgow, and sailed by William Robertson, master. Whether she was insured or not is not known to Henderson Brothers, the New-York agents. They say her freight, coming this way, must have been very inconsiderable. She was probably carrying a great deal of ballast.

The passengers of the French steam-ship Pereire have subscribed 975 francs toward a fund in aid of the families of the crew of the ill-fated Ville du Havre, to which 500 francs have been added by Mr. Mackenzie, the agent of the line.

THE POLICE AIDING THE POOR.

A benefit performance was given a short time since in the Theatre Comique, the proceeds of which, amounting to $1,134 25, were handed Capt. Clinchy, of the Fourteenth Precinct Police, to be applied by him as he deemed best, for the relief of the deserving poor of the Fourteenth Ward. Capt. Clinchy has now completed his charitable task, and his book of receipts and memorandums concerning the persons to whom he gave relief, affords some curious exhibits concerning the Metropolitan poor. Over 800 poor persons residing in the ward were afforded temporary relief. A book was kept in the station-house, and the name and residence of each applicant for relief was entered. Capt. Clinchy and Officer McPhillips then investigated the worthiness of each case, and if the applicant was a deserving one, afforded relief. Many cases of imposture were discovered and disregarded. Among the rest, was one female, where a professional beggar in Mott street, confessed to a regular income of $18 per week. Another case was that of a woman who had a husband, a grown son and who made enough money

to support her in comfort, but which she spent in drink. But on the other hand, many real cases of distress and suffering were found. To each case a half ton of coal, or two bags of flour were given the needy one, while, in other instances, the rent was paid and the poor family saved from being forcibly ejected. In his efforts, Capt. Clinchy was aided by his coal and flour merchants, the former of whom sold coal worth $7 50 a ton for $7, and delivered it free, while the latter made a reduction of ten cents on the price of each bag of flour. This is the first effort made by a public man to publicly relieve the poor of the Fourteenth Ward.

WALL STREET TOPICS.

A STRONG MARKET YESTERDAY—THE PACIFIC RAILROAD—THE STOCKS OF GEO. B. GRINNELL & CO.

The stock market in Wall street opened strong yesterday morning, but heavy sales on the part of people anxious to realize and speculators desirous of picking up stocks at lower prices, produced a reaction which continued until noon, when there was a general advance along the whole line. There was a feeling of uncertainty, too, as to the future of the money market, owing to statements concerning the shipping of large amounts of legal tenders South to move the cotton crop. The action of the Clearing-house in discontinuing the daily statements of the amounts of greenbacks on hand also had a depressing influence. The numerous out-of-town orders giving instructions to buy for investment, together with the feeling entertained by the greater number of operators in Wall street that there cannot fail to be still further recovery from the effects of the panic, served to counteract any downward movement, and give a healthy tone to the market. The statement of the earnings of the Union Pacific published in the morning, and which was exceedingly favorable, caused an advance in the price of that stock from 29 to 31⅜ during the day. The parties having control of the stock say that in view of the largely-increased earnings, and of the discontinuance of the suits in Connecticut brought by the Government, the price will go back to its former figure. Other railroads to the Pacific have been stopped in construction by the effects of the panic, and it is not likely that an opposition line can be built for years. A favorable arrangement has also been entered into by the Pacific Mail Company and the Union Pacific Road in regard to the carrying of freights between New-York and San Francisco which will break up rivalry and enable each to earn more money. Toward the close of the day the advance in prices of all stocks was more marked than at any other time, on rumors regarding inflation and measures about to be proposed in Congress. It is believed that the greater portion of the George B. Grinnell & Co. stocks have been now marketed, and that no fear is to be entertained of their being offered in large blocks for sale. There is a general good feeling toward the firm in Wall street for its conduct since the suspension caused by the panic. The interests of the creditors have been taken care of in such a manner that bankruptcy has been avoided and their claims satisfied.

THE HOSFORD DEFALCATION.

The report of the defalcation of H. E. Hosford, Cashier and book-keeper of the banking firm of Augustus W. King & Co., Pine street, did not get in the street until near closing hour yesterday afternoon. Consequently it created but little comment and less excitement in general business circles. With the creditors and customers of the bank it was different. They heard the rumor in the forenoon, and hastened to the institution in search of news. Mr. King and his clerks were busy at their books, trying to ascertain the amount of the defalcation, and were either unable or unwilling to give them any satisfactory answer. In fact, Mr. King found it necessary to deny himself to visitors, and his clerks refused to speak on the subject. To the reporter of THE TIMES Mr. King said that he was not prepared to make any statement on the subject. From other reliable sources, however, the following facts were ascertained: Hosford came to the office on Monday morning as usual. He prosecuted his ordinary labors until a few minutes before noon. Then he left, saying he would return in a few minutes. That was the last seen of him by any member or employe of the firm. He was traced somewhat further by the detectives employed to "work up the case." From his own bank he went to that of the Lawrences, corner of Nassau and Fulton. He there stated that he wished to purchase $10,000 worth of gold, and offered for it a certified check drawn by Augustus W. King on the Union Bank to the amount of $10,000. Neither the certification nor the presenter to the checks being known, they were refused. Hosford then went to the bank of White, Morris & Co., No. 18 Wall street, where he was entirely successful in his negotiations. The checks were duly certified by the bank on which they were drawn, and therefore the Cashier of the house was entirely justified in receiving them. With this comfortable sum of $10,000 in gold in his pocket, Mr. Hosford left Wall street a few minutes after 12 o'clock, having an hour's clear start of the detectives. All that has since been ascertained concerning him is that on arriving at Eighth street he sent a telegram to his wife in Jersey. This the lady herself told the detectives who visited her yesterday. The contents she declined to disclose. Rumors of his having written to Mr. King, promising to make the matter all right, appear to be without foundation. So far it appears to be a genuine defalcation, which some day may yet prove even larger than anybody outside the firm (who will make no statement) now is aware of. Mr. Hosford was formerly President of the Croton Bank. As usual the detectives say that they have got the clue and will soon have him in custody. Meanwhile the checks being duly drawn by Mr. King, and the bank on which they were drawn having certified that his account was good with it to that extent, Mr. King will have to bear the loss. White, Morris & Co. are entirely safe in the transaction.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

Robert N. Woodsworth, who was brought up yesterday before the Court of Oyer and Terminer on habeas corpus, was handed over to the Sheriff for custody, who in turn gave him into the custody of Chief of Police Oliver, of New-Brunswick. The charge against the prisoner is for conspiracy to defraud the National Bank of New-Brunswick.

THE HOBOKEN SAVINGS BANK.

The argument upon the petition of John Henry Post, that the Hoboken Savings Bank be adjudged bankrupt, which was to have been heard in the United States Court at Trenton, N. J., yesterday, was postponed by consent of counsel.

OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI RAILROAD.

The earnings of the Ohio and Mississippi Railway Company, for the month of November were, in 1878, $256,855 65; in 1877, $266,532 52. Decrease in 1873, $54,421 13.

THE BOGUS REPORTER AGAIN.

Mr. William Keating, the well-known bandmaster, residing as No. 242 East Twenty-first street, was a few days since victimized, although only to a small extent, by the "bogus" reporter to whom reference has frequently been made in THE TIMES. It appears from Mr. Keating's statement that the individual in question called upon him on Saturday morning last, and said that he had been deputed by the Press Association to wait upon him and arrange for the services of the band at a ball to be given by the association on the 11th of next month. After inquiring the terms and arranging other particulars, he produced a memorandum of the order of dancing he wished carried out, and handed it to Mr. Keating, asking him to fill in the names of the pieces to be played, at the same time requesting him to send it to the "Central Office," (Police Head-quarters,) the next morning without fail, so that the orders, which were to be very elaborate, might be printed. The mean scoundrel then left, but in a few minutes returned and requested Mr. Keating to loan him forty-eight cents, as "he had left his pocket-book at home," at the same time mentioning the names of several members of the press with whom he said he was personally acquainted, and who, at the same time, are known by Mr. Keating. That gentleman, thrown off his guard by the plausibility and apparently respectable appearance of his visitor, handed him fifty cents, when he hurriedly departed. The orders of dancing were forwarded to the Central Office next day by Mr. Keating, but last evening, having had no further communication upon the matter, and beginning to think that all was not right, he visited the reporters' room, when the fraud was at once made apparent. The description of the swindler is as follows: Height about five feet seven inches; has dark hair, closely cut, black mustache, and slight imperial; apparently about twenty-two or twenty-three years of age, and dressed in black frock coat, dark pants, and wearing a soft, black felt hat.

FATAL TERMINATION OF A WORK-SHOP QUARREL.

On Wednesday last, as already reported in THE TIMES, two young men, named respectively Edward Wall and Richard Webb, both employed at Nichols' brass-finishing factory, at No. 16 High street, Brooklyn, became engaged in a quarrel about some trivial matter. During the fight Wall seized a brass faucet and struck Webb on the head, inflicting a severe wound. Webb was removed to the Long Island College Hospital, where he died yesterday from the effects of the blow. It is said that the deceased, who was a very inoffensive young man, was first attacked by Wall, and that the attack was only part of a long-continued system of persecution directed against him because he belonged to a Sunday-school. He was most exemplary in his behavior, and led a quiet life, holding aloof from the more boisterous of his companions in the workshop. Webb was the only support of a widowed mother. Wall has been under arrest since the day of the fight.

A BURGLAR SENT TO STATE PRISON FOR TWENTY YEARS.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Alexander Corbett and Joseph Grassmuch were placed on trial, charged with burglary in the first degree. Thomas Ryan, who keeps a shoe factory at No. 148 Bleecker street, testified that on the night of the 15th of November last he heard noises in the basement down stairs. He found five men in the act of breaking into his premises. One of these men, Alexander Corbett, he identified in court. Ryan struck him on the head with a club, and he and his companions escaped. Officer Gilgard, of the Fifteenth Precinct, was soon on the spot, and seeing the men running off pursued them into the liquor saloon, where he arrested the two prisoners. On searching them the officer found on Corbett's person a "jimmy" and other burglarious instruments. The jury promptly acquitted Grassmuch, but found Corbett guilty of burglary in the first degree. Recorder Hackett sentenced Corbett to twenty years' imprisonment in Sing Sing Prison, with hard labor.

THE LATE BISHOP ARMITAGE.

The relatives of the late Right Rev. William Edmund Armitage, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Wisconsin, assembled in the chapel of St. Luke's Hospital, yesterday morning, to assist at the funeral obsequies, previous to the removal of the remains to Detroit, Mich., for interment. Until a very late hour on Monday evening it had not been decided upon to hold services in this City, as arrangements had been made for the funeral rites to be performed with due solemnity on the arrival of the body at Detroit, and owing to this circumstance the attendance in the church was limited to the immediate relatives of the deceased Bishop. Among those present were Dr. Morgan, Dr. Walker, Dr. Laurence, and a number of clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church; also Mr. Enoch Armitage, of New-York, father of the deceased, Mr. Lembard, of Augustine, Me, brother to Mrs. Armitage, wife of the deceased prelate, and other near relatives. Mrs. Armitage, who remained in the hospital from the time of her husband's death, was also present in the chapel, and was deeply afflicted as Rev. Dr. Muhlenburg read the impressive burial services of the Episcopal Church. The remains were laid out in full Bishop's robes in a plain rosewood casket. At the conclusion of the services the coffin was borne to the hearse and conveyed to the Twenty-second Street Depot in time to meet the 10:30 A. M. train. Six mourning coaches followed the hearse, in which were the father of the deceased, Mrs. Armitage, and her brother, Mr. Lembard, and other friends. Mr. Enoch Armitage, Mrs. Armitage, and Mr. Lembard accompanied the body to Detroit. The burial services will be held at St. John's Church in that city at 1 o'clock on Thursday, after which the remains will be deposited in the family vault.

MADISON SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The committee appointed at a meeting of the congregation of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, to sign and extend a call asking Rev. Dr. Duryea, of the Classon Avenue (Brooklyn) Presbyterian Church, to assume the pastorship made vacant by the retirement of Dr. Adams, waited yesterday on Dr. Duryea at his residence, No. 61 Downing street, Brooklyn. Dr. Duryea informed the committee that until he had consulted with his own congregation he would be unable to give them an answer. A meeting of the members of the congregation of the Classon Avenue Church will be held to consider the matter, but the time for the meeting has not yet been fixed on. Dr. Duryea's house was besieged all yesterday by members of his congregation calling to learn what action he intended to take in reference to the proposition made by the congregation of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church. During the years of his pastorship, Dr. Duryea has endeared himself not only to the people of his own congregation, but to all the people of Brooklyn. When he assumed his present pastorate the Classon Avenue Presbyterian Church was a small wooden structure. That has been removed, and the congregation worships now in as fine a church edifice as Brooklyn boasts. The energy of Dr. Duryea is untiring. The choir of his church, which is looked upon as the first in Brooklyn, he was trained by himself. He is President of the Handel and Haydn Society, and the Young Men's Christian Association owes much of its present splendid prosperity to his unceasing labors.

THE THEATRES AND THE POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

The practice of furnishing Police Commissioners, Captains of Police, and other members of the Police force with free tickets, which has been in vogue for years past among theatrical managers, was effectually stopped by the action of the Board of Police, who met yesterday afternoon, and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk be directed to notify the Captains of the various precincts of the adoption of this resolution.

Resolved, That hereafter no officer or member of the Police force shall ask for or accept a free pass to any place of amusement in this City, from any person or persons.

Resolved, That the proprietors or agents of all places of amusement in this City be notified and requested to issue no free passes to any member of the Police force or to the Commissioners.

Resolved, That the following number of men be detailed to the various places of amusement, named: Academy of Music, 5; Booth's Theatre, 3; Grand Opera House, 3; Union Square Theatre, 3; Wallack's, 3; Niblo's, 3; Broadway, 2; Fifth Avenue, (28th st.), 2; Olympic, 2; Lyceum Theatre, 2; Bryant's Minstrels, 2; Tony Pastor's Opera House, 2; Bowery Theatre, 2; Wood's Museum, 2; Metropolitan Theatre, 1; Theatre Comique, 1; Robinson Hall, 1, and the Germania Theatre, 1. In emergencies the services of a larger number of policemen may be had on application to the Superintendent.

ACCIDENTS IN THE CITY.

John Smith, twenty-three years old, of No. 15 Montrose avenue, Brooklyn, while passing the new building No. 482 Broadway, fell into the unprotected sub-cellar and received severe injuries. He was taken home by his friends.... Annie Russell, eighteen years old, fell from the first-story window of her residence, No. 327 East Twenty-fifth street, to the yard, and received a fracture of the shoulder-blade. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital.... John O'Dell, twenty-two years old, of Long Island City, had his leg fractured by being struck by the wheel of his wagon while attempting to prevent his horse running away, at the corner of Seventh street and Third avenue, yesterday. He was sent to Bellevue Hospital.... John Gowen, forty-five years old, residing at No. 65 Oliver street, had his right leg broken by a bale of hemp falling on him at Pier No. 48 East River. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital.

AN OLD OFFENDER CAUGHT.

Among the prisoners arraigned in the Court of Special Sessions yesterday was Henry Wiley, alias "Shorts," the notorious burglar, who, with three other prisoners, had been arrested by Officers Long and Riley, of the Seventeenth Precinct, on Sunday morning, charged with being suspicious persons. The case was at once remanded back to the Tombs Court, and a new complaint, for burglary, taken against them. It would appear that the store of Edward L. Brown, No. 201 East Ninth street, was broken into on Sunday morning in question and property valued at $65, among which was a small revolver, was taken away. Wiley was seen to stoop down by a pillar of a door near by and then walk away. The revolver and a number of skeleton keys were found behind the pillar. Justice Morgan committed Wiley and discharged the other prisoners.

CORONERS' CASES.

Dennis Cavanagh, forty-five years old, having no home, died suddenly at No. 252 East Seventy-eighth street yesterday morning.... The body of a male infant was found yesterday morning in the stone-yard, in First avenue, between Sixty-fourth and Sixty-fifth streets. Capt. Gunner, of the Nine tenth Precinct, is investigating the case.... Andrew Meeley, a laborer, died suddenly yesterday at his residence, No. 28 Greenwich street.... John Hughes, a laborer, thirty-four years old, died yesterday at Bellevue Hospital from injuries received by accidentally falling down stairs at his residence, No. 17 Cannon street, on Sunday last.

JEFFERSON MARKET POLICE COURT.

Yesterday morning, as Mary Geichler, of No. 167 St. Mark's place, was coming down town in a street car, she felt a hand in her pocket, which she seized and held. It proved to belong to George Anderson, of No. 410 West Thirty-eighth street. The pocket-book contained $6 40. Justice Sherwood held Anderson in $1,000 to answer.... Mary A. Watts, a shop-lifter, who gave her residence as No. 113 Grand street, Williamsburg, was caught in the act of putting an entire bolt of brown silk in her pocket, in the store of Kaughran & Co., No. 763 Broadway. She was taken to the basement and searched, when a shop-lifter's pocket was discovered, containing various articles. She was committed in default of $2,000 bail.

SEVENTH DISTRICT COURT.

In the Court of Common Pleas, Chambers, before Judge Loew, yesterday, a motion was made for a writ of mandamus to compel Judge Stemmler, who recently got possession of the Seventh District Court, and assumed the duties of Judge therein, to place on the pay-roll the name of Peter Masterson, the Clerk of the Court under Judge Stemmler's predecessor. Judge Loew took the papers, reserving his decision. The point of Judge Stemmler is that he has appointed a new clerk, whereas Masterson insists that his original appointment carries him through the whole six-year term, notwithstanding the removal of the Judge under whom he received such appointment.

CITY AND COUNTY TREASURY.

Controller Green reports the following disbursements and receipts of the Treasury yesterday: Claims paid, number of warrants eighty-nine, amounting to $41,909 20; pay-rolls, number of warrants twenty, amounting to $3,927 46; total number of warrants 109, amounting to $45,136 66. Receipts from taxes of 1873 and interest, $43,607 30; arrears of taxes, assessments and interest, $19,850 68; collection of assessments and interest, $3,690 43; market rents and fees, $691 10; water rents, $6,436 97; Recorder, Mayor's Office, $101 50; fees and fines, District Court, $288; total, $82,745 96.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

This evening the Gallaudet (Deaf Mute) Memorial Festival will be held at the Central Park Garden.

A grand Eastern Star fair will be held by Alpha Chapter, No. 1, for the benefit of the charity fund, at Robinson Hall, from Dec. 15 to the 24th.

Michael Regan, second steward of the American steamer Colon, was held yesterday by Commissioner Shields in $200 bail for examination on a charge of deserting the ship.

We are requested to caution the public against contributing funds for the family of a deceased fireman, through H. G. Mott or any other person, without inquiring of the Fire Commissioners.

R. J. DeCordova, Esq., will lecture "for the relief of the poor," at Steinway Hall, on Monday next. This evening he will lecture at Association Hall on "Courtship and Marriage," in aid of one of the up-town Methodist Missions.

The anniversary of the City Mission takes place this afternoon at 3 o'clock, in Association Hall, Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street. Rev. Dr. John Hall, Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Duryea, and Hon. Wm. E. Dodge, and others will take part.

The regular meeting of the Presbytery of Westchester was held yesterday morning at Association Hall, corner of Fourth avenue and Twenty-third street. The usual business connected with the churches under its jurisdiction was transacted.

"L. B." sent us $5, "Little Allie" $1, and "a sympathizer" $5, for the family of the man Adam Roberts. We have since ascertained that the man was unworthy of charity, consequently we shall be pleased to return the money to the donors if they will kindly send us their addresses.

The American Evangelical Alliance propose to hold a public meeting in the Madison Square Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening, Dec. 14, to express their sympathy for the families of Rev. Prof. Pronier, of Geneva, and Rev. Antonio Carrasco, of Madrid, lost on the Ville du Havre.

Rev. M. Colieu Stuart, a delegate from Rotterdam to the late Evangelical Alliance, delivered a lecture, last evening, at the church corner of Fourth street and Lafayette place, on the subject of "Emigration." The lecturer spoke of the numerous advantages America offered for emigration.

The Committee of the Board of Supervisors, appointed to confer with a like committee of Supervisors of Westchester County in relation to the amount of debt of the annexed towns to be assumed by this City, met yesterday, but owing to the absence of the Westchester committee no business was transacted.

Charles Schultz and Wm. Gulzhauss were brought before Commissioner Shields yesterday for examination on a charge of attempting to pass counterfeit Prussian thalers on Isaac Sweizer. The Commissioner decided that he had no jurisdiction in the case, and directed the prisoners to be taken before District Attorney Phelps.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Farmers' Club yesterday, an interesting paper was read on "The Fattening of Sheep," by Mr. Morrell, and the question whether grafting, budding, &c., tends to weaken the stock, was discussed. The full report of the proceedings will be found in THE WEEKLY TIMES published this morning.

The case of Mallory & Co., proprietors of the Galveston line of steamers, who are restrained, by the Attorney General from erecting a shed on Pier No. 20 East River, in accordance with the permission of the Dock Commissioners, came up before Judge Davis yesterday, but was postponed until the 23d, when it comes up before the General Term on an appeal.

A call has been issued to the tax-paying women of New-York to unite in a mass-meeting, to be held at the Union League Theatre, on the occasion of the centennial of the "Boston tea party," Tuesday evening, Dec. 16, "to protest against the tyranny of taxation without representation." The call is signed by Clemence S. Lozier and Lillie Devereaux Blake, President and Secretary of the New-York Woman's Suffrage Society.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Manhattan Quotation Telegraph Company, held yesterday at their office, No. 152 Broodway, a Board of Managers was elected for the ensuing year, as follows: J. Wyman Jones, Geo. W. Fuller, Edmund S. Munloe, Peter M. Myers, Jenkins Van Schaick, Andrew J. Wood, Asar C. Peck, Sherlock Austin, Richard Poillon, James L. Daws, Daniel W. Childs, Alonzo Van Dusen, Charles T. Polhamus, Edward V. Clark, Wm. T. Coffey.

The funeral of Sophia S. Heeley, of the Sisterhood of the Holy Communion, took place at the Church of the Holy Communion, Twentieth street and Sixth avenue, yesterday afternoon. A large number of friends and a few of the sisters were present. The body was taken to Newark, Ohio, for interment. Deceased was fifty-five years of age, and had belonged to the sisterhood for many years. She was widely and well known, and admired for the zeal she ever manifested in the cause of charity.

BROOKLYN.

The new bell-tower on Fourth street, Williamsburg, to be erected at a cost of $3,000, will be commenced on Monday next.

Hon. Roger A. Pryor read a paper on "The Present and Future of the Negro of the South" before the Long Island Historical Society, at Packer Institute, last evening.

John McCarthy and James Coffey were committed by Justice Walsh yesterday on a charge of breaking into the store of John Eagan, at No. 90 Hudson avenue.

The congregation of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church has extended a unanimous call to Rev. Reuben Jeffery, D. D., late of Cincinnati, and before that of Philadelphia, to become their pastor. Dr. Jeffery has accepted the call, and will commence his labors next Sunday.

The residence of Mr. Palchen, on Clinton street, was broken into some nights ago, and $10,000 worth of jewelry and clothing carried away. The Police, who have not succeeded in arresting the thieves, endeavored to keep the matter secret, but it leaked out yesterday.

Application was made to Judge Moore, in the Court of Sessions, yesterday, through Henry Hogner, to set aside the recent election and hold a new one in New-Lots, (East New-York,) on the ground of irregularities and nonconformity with the law in respect to the inspectors of election making their returns to the County Judge. As no one appeared on the other side, the hearing of the argument was postponed until Saturday morning.

At a meeting of the Board of Audit, yesterday, J. C. Dahlgren, an expert accountant, made a report of assessments of arrears for grading and paving prior to 1871, amounting to $54,796 08. There is no record of these assessments having been paid, and, on motion of Alderman Roper, it was resolved to advertise the property upon which the assessments are said to have been paid, with a view of finding out if they have been paid, and if so who received the money. It is said the books containing the assessment have been lost.

STATEN ISLAND.

The Winter lecture season will open at the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, West Brighton, to-morrow evening. The first of the season will be delivered by Rev. J. C. French, the second by Rev. H. C. Potter, D. D., and the third by Rev. J. Wayland Hoyt.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

An election held by the Fire Department of Morrisania resulted in the choice of John Royal, of Engine No. 1, for Chief, and John Nuphins, of Engine No. 5, and John Kershaw, of Engine No. 4, for Assistant Engineers.

A new bell, of fine tone, weighing between 1,200 and 1,300 pounds, has been placed in the tower of the Second Reformed Church, (Rev. Dr. Todd's,) at Tarrytown. It is furnished with a patent yoke and all the new arrangements, including tolling hammer.

The ladies of the First Congregational Church, of Morrisania, will hold a fair and festival in the basement of their house of worship, on Washington avenue, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of the present week, for the benefit of their church.

Mr. Ziba Carpenter, the Sheriff elect of Westchester County, has filed his official bond with the County Clerk. His bondsmen were Mr. Michael Donohue, of White Plains, and Mr. Josiah H. Macy, of Harrison, each of whom justified in the sum of $5,000.

The residence of Jordan L. Mott, Esq., at Mott Haven, was entered by sneak thieves on Monday evening, while the family were at supper, and robbed of six valuable overcoats. The rogues left the front door open. The servants perceiving a current of cold air in the halls, proceeded to ascertain the source from which it came, and then discovered that the coat and hat-stands had been stripped.

A public meeting of citizens of New-Rochelle was held yesterday afternoon, for the purpose of adopting suitable measures to show a proper respect to the memory of Dr. Peter Moulton, who died at the advanced age of seventy-eight years, after practicing in their midst for a period of over fifty years. The stores of the village will be all closed during the afternoon, and the bells of all the